





## Wilmington Library News:

## Board game lovers - new Tuesday night group

Minute Madness  
All-Ages Reading  
Challenge — Help Us  
Read Our Way to the  
Championship!

Brought to you from the same library who won Reading Rivals (us), there is a new reading competition on the horizon! Join us for "Minute Madness" as we try to out-read other MA libraries until the championship round on March 22. Sign up now on the Beanstack app or pick up a paper log from the library so you don't miss the action.

Poetry Contest  
Submissions  
Now Open!

This year's annual poetry contest theme is Adventure. Where would you like to go on your adventure? Who would you take with you on your adventure?

All ages can submit a poem now through April 23. Contestants can submit digitally on our website or bring their poem to the library.

PJ Drive —  
All March Long!

Cradles to Crayons®, the Boston Bruins, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and Wonderfund are coming together to collect new pajamas for local children living in low-income and homeless situations. Bring in your brand-new pajamas, sizes 2T - adult medium to put in the donation box on the first floor.

## Adult Programs

## INDOOR

## Drop-In Tech Help

Monday, March 21, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 22, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 23, 2 p.m.

Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

## VIRTUAL

Boston HerStory —  
Remarkable Women  
with Boston Women's  
Heritage Trail

Tuesday, March 22, 2 p.m.  
Examine some of the remarkable women who lived and worked in Boston. Explore their lives and achievements and how they've influenced the history of Boston and

beyond. Presented by Jennifer Gregg, President of the Boston Women's Heritage Trail.

VIRTUAL  
Creative Writing  
Skills Group

Tuesday, March 22, 7 p.m.  
Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and techniques shared by published authors and other writing experts. Open to all who want to improve their creative writing skills and get their work published. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

INDOOR  
Game On!

## Board Game Group

Tuesday, March 22, 7 p.m.  
Play a number of board games under the guidance of gaming enthusiast Scot Crispin. All are welcome.

## INDOOR

Well Read Wednesday  
Book Group

Wednesday, March 23, 10 a.m.

This book group discusses contemporary books, both fiction and non-fiction, led by Library Director Tina

Stewart. Featured Book: The Daughters of Erietown by Connie Shultz

HYBRID  
DEI Book Group  
(New book starts  
this month!)

Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m.

This group continues the work started with the library's antiracism series. Instead of discussing the entire book, the group will read a select number of chapters per month to allow for more in depth conversation. Featured Book: The Making of Asian America: A History by Erika Lee. Chapters for this meeting: Introduction - Chapter 2 (58 pages)

VIRTUAL  
Sweet & Savory  
Beignets

Thursday, March 24, 7 p.m.  
Chef Cheryl Grigg from Chara's Kitchen will bring us a taste of New Orleans with her classic and savory beignet recipes.

Puzzle Donations  
Being Accepted

We are collecting used puzzles for the Used Puz-

zle Palooza on April 9. Please drop off your donations at the first floor circulation desk. We appreciate your support!

## Youth Programs

## INDOOR

## Teen Book Club

Saturday, March 19, 1 p.m.  
This month's Teen Book Club will discuss One of Us is Lying by Karen McManus. Copies will be available at the library to check out prior to our meeting. Grades 9-12

VIRTUAL  
D&D

Saturday, March 19, 3 p.m.  
Interested in finding out more about this fantasy tabletop role-playing game, or looking for a group to play with? Join DM Michaela for a virtual campaign! Grades 6-8

## INDOOR

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Board Game  
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Ages 12+

WML In-Person  
Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual  
Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to [wilmlibrary.org](http://wilmlibrary.org) to register or call 978-658-2967.

Book Store Next Store,  
183 Middlesex Ave.

Open Saturdays & Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2.

The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

March-a-Pella comes  
to Wilmington in April

WILMINGTON — March-a-Pella XIII, a night of a cappella magic, comes to Wilmington!

March-A-Pella (MAP) is set to rock the Wilmington High School Joanne M. Benton Auditorium with an unforgettable evening of a cappella performances!

Headlining this year's show once again is the national recording group Ball in the House. These award-winning artists sing music that'll move you! If you have not seen this group perform, you are in for a treat!

But there's more! The evening is packed with a cappella performances from UMass Lowell's "Vocality," and our very own Wilmington High School's "SoundScape." Last, but not least we are pleased that Wilmington Middle School's "WilmingTones" will open the show.

Join us Saturday, April 9 at 7 p.m. in the WHS Joanne M. Benton Auditorium. Adults \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door, students

(18 and under) and seniors (65+) are \$12 in advance and at the door. Advance tickets are on sale now. Online ticket sales will end on Saturday, April 9 at 7 a.m. General admission.

"We look forward to seeing you at this incredible event and thank you for helping WHS Choral and Theatre Support (CATS) parent group raise funds for scholarships, for eligible graduating seniors, and supplemental funding for the choral and theatre performing arts groups of WHS."

If you, too, would like to sponsor this event, please contact the group at [Wilmington.C.A.T.S.Parents@gmail.com](mailto:Wilmington.C.A.T.S.Parents@gmail.com) and they will share details with you. Every sponsor/supporter helps them defer the costs of running this event.

For up-to-the moment information, check the Facebook event link for MAP XIII at <https://www.facebook.com/events/689446855803328>

Board expresses issues with Verizon  
installing new pole, leaving old one

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couldn't speak for the project itself.

"Typically that is not the process unless it's an emergency," he said.

Hull went on to say Alunni spoke to Karen Levesque, who filed the request, and communicated that the pole had been located in advance of the board's approval. Levesque apologized in her response, he detailed, and assured them that going forward they would seek approval before doing the work.

Selectman Kevin Caira pointed out that it seems like Verizon does this consistently where they install a new pole without removing the old one. The Verizon representative assured him that he could find out when the pole relocation was placed for this specific permit and would bring the Engineering Department's contact information so that a meeting could be scheduled.

Judy O'Connell stated that she would like to

see the town keep track of the double poles in order to make traction removing them.

"I won't be approving any more of these permits if this continues," she said.

Gary DePalma reiterated the same sentiment.

Greg Bendel asked if the board could get a copy of the DPW's audit of the Verizon poles when it's complete. They then approved the request.

The next public hearing that night was held for a request to amend the flammable license for 910 Salem St. on behalf of William Schneider, Operations Manager at Benevento Companies. Schneider explained that they wanted to expand the quantity of liquid asphalt they were allowed to hold on-site from 80,000 gallons to 110,000 gallons. They would be adding a 30,000 gallon tank which would be API standard 650 and include DEP-approved vapor condensers and electric overflow con-

vention devices.

Hull mentioned that the fire and health departments both recommended approval.

Caira asked if this would be a concern for the Conservation Commission. Hull clarified that the property wasn't near any immediate wetlands.

Opening up space for the public to comment, a North Reading resident in attendance asked the town or the state's laws about work hours for construction projects. Hull answered that Wilmington doesn't have a noise by-law, but the board recommended contacting the police department for issues with loud construction early in the morning.

Their third appointment concerned a local initiative program application for Local Action Units so that five units at 168 Lowell St. could be dedicated affordable housing. Kristen Costa, the project's affordable housing consultant, established that the project would have 36 total

townhouse condominiums serviced by a private way. It already received Planning Board approval.

The five affordable units would be awarded by lottery, and she was expecting their request for three of those to be local preference to go through.

Bendel asked when the first units would become available. Costa mentioned that they would start advertising around late spring or early summer with the first unit being projected for the fall. She specified that all of the units would have two bedrooms and one and three-quarter baths.

O'Connell wondered how someone interested in an affordable housing unit could get more information. Costa recommended calling her. The applications for the units would be posted on the town website at the appropriate time.

The board approved this request and signed the application.

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It's Your Money  
by Todd BrisboisIRS ISSUES GUIDANCE  
ON TAXABILITY OF  
DEPENDENT CARE  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS  
FOR 2021, 2022

The Internal  
Revenue Service

has issued guidance on the taxability of dependent care assistance programs for 2021 and 2022, clarifying that amounts attributable to carryovers or an extended period for incurring claims generally are not taxable. The guidance also illustrates the interaction of this standard with the one-year increase in the exclusion for employer-provided dependent care benefits from \$5,000 to \$10,500 for the 2021 taxable year under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Because of the pandemic, many people were unable to use the money they set aside in their dependent care assistance programs in 2020 and 2021. Generally, under these plans, an employer allows its employees to set aside a certain amount of pre-tax wages to pay for dependent care expenses. The employee's expenses are then reimbursed from the dependent care assistance program.

Carryovers of unused dependent care assistance program amounts generally are not permitted (although a 2½ month grace period is allowed). However, recent coronavirus-related legislation (the Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2020) allowed employers to amend their plans to permit the carryover of unused dependent care assistance program amounts to plan years ending in 2021 and 2022, or to extend the permissible period for incurring claims to plan years over the same period.

The notice clarifies for taxpayers that if these dependent care benefits would have been excluded from income if used during taxable year 2020 (or 2021, if applicable), these benefits will remain excludable from gross income and are not considered wages of the employee for 2021 and 2022.

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## Book Stew Review

'South to America: A Journey Below the Mason-Dixon  
to Understand the Soul of a Nation' by Imani Perry

By EILEEN  
MACDOUGALL

If you enjoyed "How the Word is Passed," Clint Smith's tour of historically important sites of enslavement, you may also cherish this memoir-travogue. Or not.

Perry's is a much more personal view, reflective of her family origins and of

how the cities she visits reflect the history of Black Americans, how they arrived, how they suffered, how they thrived.

It's filled with loving encounters with family members, fellow academics, and just plain folks she meets. Her observation that Black and white speech in the South sounds the same, but with

unique idioms, was surprising to me. This is a rich itinerary through "Afri-lachia"; Harper's Ferry, WV; Charlottesville; Louisville; Annapolis; DC; Huntsville; Duke University in NC; Atlanta; Birmingham; Nashville; Memphis; Montgomery; Mobile; New Orleans; Jackson; the Georgia Sea Islands; Savannah; Charleston; Miami;

Orlando; Havana, and the Bahamas.

The author has a connection to all and a tale for each. This is a remarkable recounting.

Quote: "The Janus face of Southern whiteness — they know what they've done wrong, and they know you know; they hate you for it, and hate themselves for it, too — is strange."

## News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

WCTV's Annual Member's meeting (virtual) is coming! Tuesday, March 2 at 6 p.m.

You are invited to join in WCTV's 2022 Annual Membership Meeting which will be held virtually on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6 p.m.

You can view the program LIVE on Comcast 9/Verizon 37 and online at [WCTV.org/live](http://WCTV.org/live).

The virtual meeting will include:

- Comments from the President of the Board of Directors
- Comments from the Treasurer of the Board of Directors
- Approval of the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Results of the election for the 2022-2023 Board of Directors
- 2021 Year-End Review Video

WCTV members can vote on the candidates and approve the 2021 Annual

Meeting minutes by casting a paper ballot in person at WCTV from March 15 through March 22 at 5 p.m. Candidates who are selected on at least 50 percent of all ballots cast will be elected to the board.

Anyone wishing to become a member of WCTV can contact Lisa Kapala at [lisa@wctv.org](mailto:lisa@wctv.org).

Meetings covered by WCTV:

Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m. - School Committee View on channels: Veri-

zon 37, Comcast 9

WCTV is located at: 10 Waltham Street, Wilmington Office Hours by Appointment: (978) 657-4066

Questions about WCTV? Contact [info@wctv.org](mailto:info@wctv.org)

WCTV Channels: Public Channel: Verizon 37, Comcast 9

To watch programs On-Demand or for more information check us out at [WCTV.org](http://WCTV.org)

Follow us on Facebook: Wilmington Community Television.



# OBITUARIES

## Joseph B. 'Joe' Deegan Served in the United States Navy

Joseph B. "Joe" Deegan, a long-time Wilmington resident, passed away peacefully at home on March 10, 2022; he was 80 years old. Joe was born in Boston on Jan. 11, 1942; he was the dear son of the late Marie Rose (Brisbois) Deegan-Malone and the late Joseph B. Deegan.

Joe moved to the family homestead on Church Street in Wilmington as a young boy; he played youth sports, attended Wilmington public schools, went on to Essex Agricultural High School where he took classes and expedited his education and returned to graduate from Wilmington High School with the Class of 1959.

Joe was eager to serve his country during the Vietnam War, so following graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy on Sept. 10, 1959. Following four years of active duty, Joe was honorably discharged to the Naval Reserves in November of 1963 and he continued to serve the country until September of 1965.

Upon his discharge, Joe continued his work for the government and took a position at AVCO/Textron in Wilmington, where he worked for several years. Joe then went to work as a truck driver for the Teamsters Local #25 in Boston and retired from UPS following many years of dedicated service to the company.

Joe was a big sports fan throughout his life; as a young teen he was fortunate

enough to meet and shake the hand of Ted Williams at a Red Sox game; this was one of the most memorable moments of his life. Joe followed all the Boston sports teams, but he had a passion for football and was a "die hard" New England Patriots fan.

Joe loved being with his family, extended family, and friends; he looked forward to the countless family cookouts, Memorial Day parades, Fourth of July celebrations, and holiday parties that were held at the family home on Church Street or with the Lavine gang.

In his spare time, Joe enjoyed playing the lottery or doing a little gambling just to try his luck.

Joe will be fondly remembered for his big personality, huge heart, and his kindness towards others. He loved to socialize and make people feel welcome wherever he was. Joe was a proud veteran and a good friend to many; he will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Joe was the loving partner of many years to Madaline Lavine of Wilmington, the beloved father of Joseph Deegan and husband Jim Kocot of Buford, GA, Trevor Deegan of Wilmington and the late Sean Deegan, father-in-law of Joanne Deegan of Chelmsford, devoted "Pop" of James, Leah, and Kelly Deegan.

Dear brother of David Malone and his late wife Ingrid of Wilmington, the late Marie Deegan Martin and Dana Malone. Joe was also very special to Richard



and Janet Lavine of Tewksbury, Stephen Lavine of Lowell, Mark and Holly Lavine of Nashua, NH, Todd and Rosangela Lavine of North Reading, the late Denise Lavine, and the late Patricia Langston.

He was the dear "Poppy" of the Lavine grandchildren and great-grandchildren and is further survived by his nieces, nephews, and their families.

Family and friends will gather for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Friday, March 18 from 4 - 8 p.m. A Service to Celebrate Joe's life will take place at the Funeral Home on Saturday, March 19 at 11:30 a.m. followed by interment with Military Honors in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington, MA.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Joe's memory to the Local Heroes, Inc., P.O. Box 536, Wilmington, MA 01887 or to a Charity of Your Choice.

[www.nicholsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicholsfuneralhome.com)

## John C. Mainini Served in the US Army during Vietnam War

John C. Mainini, age 75, of Wilmington, formerly of Somerville, passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side on March 13, 2022.

John was born in Boston on Sept. 22, 1946; he was the dear son of the late Charles and Frances Mainini. John was raised and educated in Somerville and was a graduate of Somerville High School with the Class of 1964.

John was inducted into the United States Army on Dec. 14, 1967; following the completion of his training and education, he was sent overseas to Vietnam. John was on active duty for about a month when he was wounded and lost his leg during an assignment. He returned stateside to a military hospital.

John received several commendations for his fine service including the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Commendation Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, the EXP. Badge (M-60), MM Badge (M-16) and the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged and retired with a permanent disability on Jan. 16, 1969 and returned home to his family.

Following his discharge, John went on to further his education; he attended Bentley College where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business and went on to secure a Master's Degree in Accounting from Suffolk University.

John married and moved to Wilmington in 1978 where he raised his children, Jason and Robin; they were "his world." John was the most devoted and loving father a child could wish for; he attended every school and sporting event the kids were involved in and he was their #1 fan.

John was the personal "Uber" for them, their teammates and friends long before it was fashionable. John was very active in the Boy Scouts with his son Jason, especially with Troop 56 where he was very dedicated to those kids.

John served on the Yankee

Clipper Committee, he was a long-time member of the Council and acted as Treasurer for many years.

John was a fixture during the Christmas season at the Colonial Park Mall where the scouts sold their Christmas trees and he spent countless hours volunteering at their many events. John continued to be involved in the Scouts for over 28 years.

Then there was softball; John was on the sidelines for every one of Robin's games where she was a star athlete and he even kept his own stats when it came to her pitching. Robin and Jason continued to play softball through their adult years at the Wilmington Town Park; John was at every game to root them on and act as the team statistician.

As the years passed and his children married, John gained a wonderful daughter-in-law and son-in-law; he loved Christin and Alan dearly and treated them as "his own." When John became "Papa" to Dylan, Austin and Rylie his world became even brighter; he had more kids to cheer on, play with, encourage, adore and be a great role model to.

John's family was always his number one priority; he constantly showered them with unconditional love and devotion.

John continued to share his time and talents in the community; for over 26 years he was a constant fixture at the Shawsheen Elementary School Library where he helped the students and faculty alike. John also showed off his sewing skills as he made countless Christmas stockings, ornaments and decorations that he gifted to his family, extended family and many friends.

In his spare time, John enjoyed playing poker, following the Boston Bruins, reading and collecting Stephen King novels, adding to his Boy Scout Patch collection and finding the newest or oldest coins to add to that collection. John was very knowledgeable and well read; he was great at trivia and a whiz at crossword puzzles.



John will be fondly remembered for his outgoing personality, his kindness towards others and his willingness to help anyone and everyone. John was a creature of habit who didn't stray far from daily routines, his family and his friends. He was an all around great guy who will be forever missed by all who knew and loved him.

John was the devoted father of Jason Mainini and his wife Christin and Robin Abbott and her husband Alan all of Wilmington. Loving "Papa" of Dylan Mainini, Austin and Rylie Abbott, beloved son of the late Charles and Frances (Gibbons) Mainini, dear brother of Nancy Russell and husband Brandon of Ohio, Lynn Williams and husband Mike of New London, NH, Charles Mainini and wife Loxi Calmes of Grantham, NH and the late Richard Mainini.

John is also survived by his former wife and friend Cynthia Bouley as well as his nieces, nephews and their families.

Visiting Hours will be held at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Thursday, March 17 from 4 - 7 p.m. A Graveside service with Military Honors will take place on Friday, March 18 in the Veteran's Section of Wildwood Cemetery, 233 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to Troop 56 BSA, 87 Church St., Wilmington, MA 01887.

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## Patricia A. Perkins

### Co-owned 'Your Corner Arco' with husband

Patricia Ann (Long) Perkins, age 92, a resident of Tewksbury for the past 60 years, died Saturday, March 12, 2022 at High Pointe House in Haverhill after living independently in her own home until the spring of 2020.

She was the beloved wife for 71 years of Herbert A. Perkins, who died in August 2018.

She was born in Watertown in 1930, one of seven children of the late John Long and Lillian (Eldridge) Long, and had lived in Watertown until moving to Tewksbury in 1960.

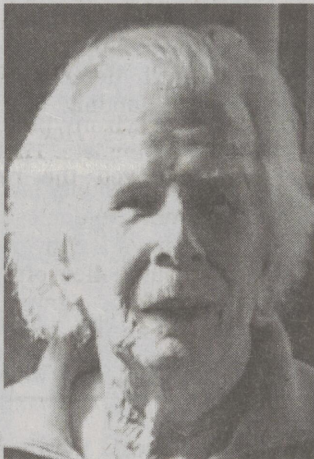
She and her late husband owned "Your Corner Arco" service station in Watertown.

Patricia was a member of the St. William's Parish community, and the Disabled American Veterans Women's Auxiliary. She enjoyed painting and crafting.

She leaves three children, Daniel H. and his wife Laura (Cote) Perkins of Tewksbury, David P. and his wife

Donna (Harland) Perkins of Ashland, and Sharon A. and her husband Igor Mandelylev of Westwood; four grandchildren, Daniel H. Perkins Jr. of Webster, NH, Michael P. Perkins of No. Reading, Christopher Perkins of Arlington, and Emily Perkins of Washington, DC; two great-granddaughters, Samantha and Caitlin; two great-great-grandsons, Christopher Kelly Jr. and Louis Perkins; a brother, Donald Long and his wife Janet of Lexington; a brother-in-law, Herbert Sterns of CT; and she was predeceased by her siblings, Jean Haney and her husband Robert of CA, Edward Long and wife Polly of Maynard, Richard Long and wife Florence of Watertown, John Long and his wife Ruth of Waltham and Doris Stearns; she also leaves many nieces and nephews.

You are welcome to attend her visitation on Thursday, March 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of 1 Dewey and 975



Main Sts. (Rt. 38) Tewksbury Center. Her Funeral Service will follow at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Please consider memorial donations in her name to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack Street, Lawrence, MA 01843. The Tewksbury Funeral Home is honored to serve the Perkins family.

Please visit [tewksburyfuneralhome.com](http://tewksburyfuneralhome.com) to send the family your condolences at any time.

## FEMA awards nearly \$3.4M to Lowell General Hospital

BOSTON — The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending almost \$3.4 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse Lowell General Hospital for the additional costs of operating safely and handling increased patient loads during the COVID-19 pandemic, including setting up a temporary hospital site.

The hospital will receive a total of \$3,356,138 in federal funding through FEMA's Public Assistance grant program to reimburse some of the costs associated with setting up an Alternate Care Site (ACS) between Janu-

ary and March 2021.

The ACS location was established at UMass Campus Recreational Center in Lowell and had the potential to add 90 beds for patients in the Merrimack Valley region of Massachusetts.

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist Lowell General Hospital with these costs," said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. "Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation."

FEMA's Public Assistance program is an essential

source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided almost \$857 million in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.

Additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance program is available at <https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>. To learn more about the COVID-19 response in Massachusetts, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4496>

## \$1.65M in funding granted for the Middlesex County Restoration Center Comm.

BILLERICA — The Middlesex County Restoration Center Commission has secured \$1.65 million in congressionally-directed funding to establish a crisis diversion facility in the county, Massachusetts Association for Mental Health CEO & President Danna Mauch and Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian announced.

The funding was included in the recently approved federal omnibus spending package signed by President Joe Biden on March 15, 2022.

"We are extremely grateful to Congresswoman Lori Trahan (MA-03) and Senators Elizabeth (D-MA) Warren and Ed Markey (D-MA) for their leadership in marshaling the resources needed to improve the delivery of behavioral healthcare in the Commonwealth," said Restoration Center Commission co-chairs Mauch and Koutoujian. "This marks a major milestone for the efforts we have undertaken over the last four years as it represents the first direct federal investment in the project. As we move from the study and planning phases and into the implementation phase, this fund-

ing will play a critical role in allowing us to begin providing expanded mental health and substance use services to members of our community in crisis."

The Restoration Center Commission was established under 2018's Act Relative to Criminal Justice Reform and was tasked with studying and making recommendations for the creation of a crisis diversion facility in Middlesex County. The new center would provide an alternative to arrest or emergency room transport for individuals in need of behavioral health services. Through a no wrong door policy, both walk-in services as well as police drop-off would be available at the center.

"Once established, the Middlesex County Restoration Center will serve as a shining model for what behavioral health crisis services and wrap-around support can look like across the Commonwealth," said Congresswoman Trahan. "I'm proud to have secured over \$1.6 million in federal funding for this critical project — bringing the Center one step closer to becoming reality. I look forward to working with Sher-

riff Koutoujian, Dr. Mauch and our local partners to get this project across the finish line."

"I fought hard alongside Congresswoman Lori Trahan and Senator Ed Markey for federal funding to establish a crisis diversion facility in Middlesex County, and I'm glad we secured \$1.65 million for those efforts," said Senator Warren. "These funds will be critical to expanding mental health and substance use services for members of our community. I'm grateful for the continued partnership with Sheriff Koutoujian and Dr. Danna Mauch to combat the substance use disorder crisis."

"We do better by Bay Staters when we focus our resources on connecting people in crisis with mental health and substance use services, instead of putting them in the back of a police cruiser," said Senator Markey. "With this investment, we can bring behavioral healthcare to the Commonwealth and get people the help that they need in a more supportive setting."

The commission also recently announced it had secured \$5 million in ARPA

funding through the state legislature funding thanks to the work of State Senator Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington) and State Representative Ken Gordon (D-Bedford). Additionally, Governor Charlie Baker included \$1 million in his proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the project.

"It is very exciting to see federal money appropriated that will make a direct impact on the Middlesex County community," said Sen. Friedman. "An enormous thank you to our federal delegation and to my colleagues on the Middlesex County Restoration Center Commission for bringing a mix of federal and state funding to the table to help make the Middlesex County Restoration Center a reality."

"I'm deeply grateful to our partners in Congress for prioritizing the Middlesex County Restoration Center," said Rep. Gordon. "This additional funding will be crucial as the Commission continues its work to transform behavioral health services in our communities. The investment underscores the importance of the goal we share with our federal, state, and local partners."

## Meet the Easter Bunny at the Tewksbury Congo Church

TEWKSBURY — All are welcome at the Meet the Easter Bunny event, April 3 from 10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. located at 10 East St. in Tewksbury at the Tewksbury Congregational Church. Bring your camera and get a photo with the Easter Bunny. Enjoy crafts while you wait or use the time to become comfortable with the presence of the Easter Bunny. There is no cost to participate and all crafts are offered at various levels of to accommodate the

diverse ages.



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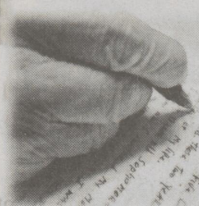


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## Letters to the editor

### 'Honest, caring, kind' Burgett-Yandow for Tewksbury Board of Health

To the editor,  
I have known Nicole Burgett-Yandow for the past 12 years. We met through the community with our children attending the same daycare, and now together in the Tewksbury public schools. I got to know Nicole personally through these years, and I am proud to call her a friend.

I have always found Nicole to be a very honest, caring, and kind person. She has a very compassionate nature and is very passionate and knowledgeable in her field of healthcare as a nurse practitioner.

You can always count on Nicole to be the calming force in a stressful situation. She is a very supportive friend and never misses the opportunity to help

others. Her positive attitude and great energy is contagious to anyone who knows her.

With Nicole's dedication, passion, and motivation she would bring a wealth of knowledge to the people of Tewksbury.

For these reasons, I highly recommend Nicole Burgett-Yandow for Tewksbury Board of Health. I strongly believe she would be an invaluable asset to our town and we would all benefit by having her on the Board of Health. We would be so lucky to have her!

Thank you so much for your time in reading my letter.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Blake-Corn

### Vote for and support Russo for Tewksbury School Com.

To the editor,  
We have three children ages 9, 8, and 7 and all attend Tewksbury Public Schools and are very active in sports and activities in town. We first met Rich about five years ago after moving to the Town of Tewksbury a couple years prior.

It seemed as though every youth sport that our children wanted to be a part of, Rich volunteered his time on the Board of Directors for those organizations, so we took it upon ourselves to get to know him better. Since then we have served on the Board of Directors for Tewksbury Youth Football and Cheerleading for the past four years with Rich and have seen firsthand the commitment to our youth that he continues to put at the center of all decisions that are made.

Rich formerly served as a member on Tewksbury Boys Basketball League board, Tewksbury Youth Baseball board and still currently serves as the President of Tewksbury Youth Football and Cheerleading (a league with over 450 student athletes registered each year).

While serving on the board next to Rich, I can say that we have had differing viewpoints on several issues along the way, but he's never quick to overshadow ours or anyone else's viewpoints as the leader of the organization; instead, he is open to discussion and fully educating himself on matters before any type of final decisions are put forward to a vote. And those final decisions

are always based on the entirety of the program and what makes the most sense for the program.

Rich helped navigate thru uncharted territories that COVID presented for our youth while serving on two youth sports boards as well as the Reopening Schools Task Force. With the knowledge he received he was able to help with solutions to be able to get youth cheerleaders, football and baseball players back on the fields and eventually students back into the classroom.

This was no easy task as he took the safety, health and well being of our youth in consideration with the current local, state and federal guidelines and was able to help the kids get back to being more active both mentally and physically as they were able to enjoy activities safely again with their friends, teammates and classmates, and we will forever be grateful for this.

Rich sees hundreds of Tewksbury children and parents each week as he's serving in his volunteer roles and is able to communicate and educate himself on what it is that parents feel is important for our children's overall mental and physical health, well being and overall success. He's always one to want to learn more about any ongoing issues and jumps right into problem solving mode to help make it better, which ultimately benefits the community.

Rich is a multi-tasking professional; while serving in these volunteer roles as well as being a member of

### Sunshine Week

## Despite nation's polarization, everyone should agree on government transparency

By JUSTIN SILVERMAN  
NEFAC First Amendment Coalition

(Justin Silverman is executive director of the New England First Amendment Coalition. Learn more about the coalition's work at [nefac.org](http://nefac.org).)

We live in contentious times. According to a 2020 study by the National Bureau of Economic Research, political polarization among Americans has grown rapidly during the last 40 years.

"There's evidence that within the U.S., the two major political parties have become more homogeneous in certain ways, including ideologically and socially," said Jesse Shapiro, a co-author of the study and a professor of political economy at Brown University. "So when you identify with a certain party and you're looking across the aisle, the people you're looking at are more different from you than they were a few decades ago."

Given the degradation of political discourse in our country and the growing list of hot-button issues pitting us against friends and neighbors, it's easy to see the divide. But as Sunshine Week begins this year, let's remember that no matter where we stand on a particular topic, we all need accurate information to shape our opinions and best advocate for ourselves.

The mission of Sunshine Week — March 13-19 this year with related events occurring throughout the month — is to promote a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. The sunshine reference is attributed to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis who famously wrote that "sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants." In other words, an informed citizenry is the best check

against government corruption.

This is the idea behind state public record and open meeting laws, as well as our federal Freedom of Information Act. Government transparency is a non-partisan principle that transcends who's in office or which political party is in control. Freedom of information or "sunshine" laws open up government and empower people through information.

The University of Southern California Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism published a report last fall analyzing the polarization in our country. The report identified the most contentious issues which included gun legislation, policing, and vaccines. As Americans, we may have starkly different opinions about these issues. But consider the common ground we can find when looking at them relative to government transparency.

To have an informed debate about gun legislation, for example, it may be helpful to know basic data points like how many firearms are being manufactured in the country or the number of gun-related deaths each year. We may need to determine where it's most difficult to obtain a firearms license or to read emails among government officials looking to curtail Second Amendment rights.

Before we discuss whether a police department should be defunded, we should first determine how much funding that agency receives. How is money spent within local, state, and county law enforcement agencies? For us to have a conversation about police officers using force against citizens, we need to know the policies within each

department and under what circumstances lethal or non-lethal force can be used.

More than two years into the COVID-19 pandemic, debate still rages about vaccine efficacy and government mandates. Fueling that debate is a steady flow of misinformation that can be counteracted by federal data on vaccine trials, statistics on state resident vaccinations, local school district vaccine requirements for teachers and students, and other vaccine-related records.

While sunshine laws vary from state to state, all this information should be available to us through public record statutes and federal FOIA. Wherever we ultimately land on the issues, these laws exist to provide us a way to learn about government and better support our positions.

But despite the mandated sunshine, shadows persist. Public record request deadlines are often ignored. Inadequate staffing and request backlogs result in delays. Documents are excessively redacted. Citizens are shut out of public meetings. The flow of information can be slowed to a glacial pace.

This is a reality that should concern us all. Every American should be waving the banner for government transparency. The consequences of secrecy affect not just our ability to have good-faith debates about the issues that matter most, but they also limit our ability to oversee government and the work it does on our behalf. When it comes to transparency, we're all stakeholders.

So, here are a few things we can do to honor Sunshine Week:

- Contact your state representative to discuss strengthening your respective public records and open meeting laws.

For example, many states are now considering changes to allow remote participation during government meetings. Be a part of the effort to make access to government easier and more equitable for all Americans.

- Support your local newsroom. Journalists are often the most frequent filers of public records requests. They are typically at the frontlines of obtaining government information despite newsroom budget cuts and inadequate resources. Subscribe to your news source of choice and be kind to those seeking out information on your behalf.

- Make a public records request. Not sure how? Visit [nefac.org/foiguide](http://nefac.org/foiguide) for video tutorials. Take advantage of your right to know by requesting information about issues that mean the most to you. Then take that information and engage in fact-based conversations with those in your community.

"Thoughtful debate about serious issues is central to our democracy," wrote the authors of the Annenberg study. "But solving real problems is impossible when every issue is viewed through a distorted lens that is often informed by sources who create their own facts to further their own power."

Sunshine laws are integral to thoughtful debate. They can provide us the knowledge needed to form opinions about what's best for this country and how well our government is leading the way. But those laws need to be protected and strengthened. That's something we can all agree on.

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the Tewksbury Finance Committee, Rich also serves as the Chief Executive Officer and has been the Chief Financial Officer of Bionik Laboratories for 18 months, all while being a loving, devoted family man.

Whether its managing schedules for over 300 games for an upcoming baseball tournament, representing Tewksbury at the Central Mass Youth Football and Cheer Conference, working the concession stand at Ballou Del Rossi Football Field so parents can enjoy their student athletes' games, helping lead the way for our kids to safely return to school, or enjoying one of his own kids competitions or games, Rich is always a listener to all and good friend to many of our small town of Tewksbury.

The role of wanting what's best for our youth in the schools, does not start when a person is elected, nor

when they decide the time is right to want to join the School Committee; instead, it starts several years before that with the devotion to the youth of this town and taking the time to really learn and hear more about what the community desires are for our children and our schools.

Rich is a proven leader, has been a staunch advocate for the youth in this town, his volunteerism is second to none, and he is committed to putting the students before all else and continues to be an ambassador for the youth of Tewksbury.

For these reasons and several others, he has our endorsement as the best candidate for Tewksbury School Committee.

Billy & Mandy Grant  
Tewksbury Youth Football board members and volunteers

### Buckley 'reasoned, sincere, committed' candidate for Tewksbury Select Board

To the editor,  
I strongly urge Tewksbury voters to elect Jomarie Buckley to our Select Board on Saturday April 2! In the time I've known Jomarie, I have found her to be reasoned, sincere, and committed. She believes in personal responsibility and has both the vision and experience necessary to help steer us in the right direction.

Her professional background fosters critical thinking and working through differing views in a respectful and appropriate manner, without compromising her values. We need more of that today. Its not about

being right; its about doing the right things for our town.

Jomarie undoubtedly possesses the character and commitment to help make Tewksbury the best it can be. That is not always the case today with fewer people interested in serving their community. I know she is the right person at the right time, and will make our Select Board a stronger, more well-rounded body. Join me in supporting her candidacy for the Select Board on Saturday April 2!

Respectfully,  
Todd Johnson

### Nicole Burgett-Yandow 'perfectly suited' for Tewksbury Board of Health

To the editor,  
I am writing in support of Nicole Burgett-Yandow, NP for Board of Health in

Tewksbury. I believe that Nicole would be perfectly suited for the Board of Health given her 20 years

of health care experience.

As a family physician in Tewksbury for 13 years, I felt compelled to write in support of Nicole as I am in the unique position of knowing her both personally, professionally as well as having familiarity with Tewksbury and it's residents for much of my career.

I had known Nicole for several years and recently we became colleagues when she joined the Winchester Hospital Weight Management Center where I serve as the Medical Director. I have been able to see Nicole's dedication to her patients, her conscientiousness & her medical expertise on display daily. Personally, I know her to be committed, thoughtful & a great communicator.

As a physician, I see tremendous value in having an experienced medical professional on the Board of Health. The combination of her experience, expertise and personal qualities make her a great candidate for Tewksbury's Board of Health.

I hope you strongly consider voting for Nicole on April 2, 2022.

Sincerely,  
Keren Wilson DO

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# Lobsters may be listed as red or avoid

By **PAIGE IMPINK**  
News Correspondent  
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If the cold drab weather has you yearning for a summertime lobster roll, pay attention to some challenges that may be ahead for the cold-water crustacean. A move is afoot by an influential seafood rating guide to designate the American lobster as "red" or avoid, "..." meaning they lack strong management or are caught or farmed in ways that harm other marine life or the environment," according to the Seafood Watch list.

The list is put out by the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California and is the go-to guide for grocery chains, restaurants, food service vendors, and consumers when buying seafood. The guide rates species as Best Choice, Certified, Good Alternative, and Avoid. Metrics such as how the animals are caught, farmed, or managed play into the rankings. Sustainability extends beyond best practices in harvesting and farming, and also examines working conditions and coastal impacts.

A recent report that American lobsters would potentially be added to the "red" list sent shockwaves through the New England seafood community. At issue are the types of ropes that are used to haul lobster traps and the impact the ropes are having on the North Atlantic right whale population through entanglements.

According to NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the North Atlantic right whale is one of the five most frequently entangled large whale species. There are fewer than 350 North Atlantic right whales as of February 2022, and due to their proximity to commercial fishing areas and shipping lanes, the animals are at risk from vessel strikes and gear entanglements.

Balancing the needs of the lobstering community with the sustainable practices needed to keep the whales safe is a discussion that has been ongoing since the 1980s when statistics about the damage fishing gear can do to whales was formally collected. The vertical lines used on lobster traps create an entanglement hazard for whales.

Prototypes of breakaway ropes that will release under less pressure have been in development for years and are in use in Massachusetts. However, there is also some dispute about how many of the whales are actually killed by this gear, though arguments by different advocacy groups suggest that whales cannot thrive due to injury which ultimately impacts the strength of the herd.

Several petitions filed with the National Marine Fisheries service are pushing for rope-less pots or traps within three years.

Yet, Massachusetts lobstermen already observe a seasonal moratorium on lobstering and are using breakaway ropes. There is great concern that retailers and restaurants will change their buying habits should the red list designation be adopted.



▲ An example of the Seafood Watch ratings used by grocers and other purveyors of seafood. Lobsters are under consideration for the "red" list due to the harm that vertical trap ropes present to whales. (Paige Impink photo)

The Massachusetts Lobsterman's Association takes great exception with the Commonwealth being grouped with other Northeast lobster fisheries, according to statements, and urges consumers to continue to support locally caught seafood.

As of March 7, 2022, the watchlist has American lobster caught in traps in the Northwest Atlantic ocean listed as Red. This listing is distinct from the Gulf of Maine lobster fishery which is Marine Stewardship Council Certified as Blue or a good/better alternative, according to the Seafood

Watch list.

American lobster caught in pots are the topic of the draft assessment pending. Other American lobster fishing sites are coded yellow, meaning 'buy but be aware there are concerns with how they're caught, farmed, or managed.'

Public comment is being accepted through March 28, 2022 at <https://www.seafoodwatch.org/recommendations/developing-our-recommendations/external-review> where the general assessment may be reviewed and downloaded. Feedback comments may be entered online.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 5, 2022 at 8:20 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for Site Plan Review #22-04, plan entitled, "Verizon, Wilmington 8 MA, 220 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA 01887"; dated October 18, 2021, prepared by: Daniel P. Hamm, P.E., Hudson Design Group LLC, 45 Beechwood Drive, North Andover, MA 01845; submitted on March 10, 2022. Said property is located at 220 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 65 Parcel 2. This project is for the replacement of three (3) antennas, two (2) hybrid cables, and two (2) surge suppressors, and adding three (3) remote radio heads.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair  
Wilmington Planning Board  
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## MIDDLESEX DIVISION

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI20P1777EA

Estate of:  
Edward Francis Dullea, Jr.  
Also Known As:  
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Date of Death: 09/26/2019

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Priscilla Dullea of Haverhill MA

Priscilla Dullea of Haverhill MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Sean C. Moroney to The Savings Bank, dated December 6, 2013 and recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Document No. 276195, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at public auction at 2:00PM, on April 5, 2022 on the mortgaged premises being known as 5 Carter Road a/k/a 5 Carter Street, Wilmington, MA, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage to wit:

A certain parcel of land situate in Wilmington, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:  
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NORTHEASTERLY by Cullen Street, one hundred forty-five and 32/100 (145.32) feet; and  
SOUTHEASTERLY by Lots 34 and 19, two hundred (200) feet.  
All of said boundaries are determined by the Land Court to be located as shown on subdivision

plan 10921 B, Sheet one (1), drawn by Alfred Millhouse, C.E., dated June 1925, as approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title 3006, and said land is shown as Lots fourteen (14) to eighteen (18) and thirty-five (35) to thirty-nine (39) inclusive on said plan.

Being the same premises as conveyed to the mortgagor by deed dated December 6, 2013, recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds, in Document Number 276194, on Certificate of title 41631.

The above described premises will be sold **SUBJECT TO** and with the benefit of all restrictions, easements, covenants, conditions, building and zoning laws, to any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, water and sewer charges, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, if any.

## TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of \$7,500.00 DOLLARS shall be required to be made to the mortgagee in cash, by certified or by cashier's check at the time and place of the sale as a deposit. The successful bidder will be required to execute an Auction Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, by certified check, by

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 5, 2022 at 8:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #22-05 and Stormwater Management Permit #22-03, plan entitled, "Site Plans, Textron Building Remodel and Proposed Warehouse, 201 Lowell Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts"; dated May 6, 2021, last revised March 10, 2022, prepared by David Fenstermacher, P.E., VHB, 2 Bedford Farms Drive, Suite 200, Bedford, NH 03110. The application is for an amendment to the previously approved Site Plan (#21-10), to modify the building footprint and height. Said property is located at 201 Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 48 Parcels 73A.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Michael Sorrentino, Chair  
Wilmington Planning Board  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON  
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 5, 2022 at 8:10 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for Site Plan Review #22-03, plan entitled, "4BN1336E-ECO-CTS-RL-WILMINGTON, 4BN1336E, 6 WALTHAM STREET, WILMINGTON, MA 01887"; dated September 20, 2021, revised November 9, 2021, prepared by: Derek J. Creaser, P.E., Centerline Communications, 750 W Center Street, Suite 301, West Bridgewater, MA 02379; submitted on March 10, 2022. Said property is located at 4 & 6 Waltham Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 79 Parcels 31C & 31D. This project includes replacing eight (8) panel antennas with twelve (12) new like-kind antennas, replacing four (4) existing RRUs with eight (8) new like-kind RRUs on the tower, installing new equipment in the existing cabinets at the base of the tower, and removing all unused cables and equipment.

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Michael Sorrentino, Chair  
Wilmington Planning Board  
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▲ Boston's newest offering of food and fun at High Street Place food mall, located in the Financial District at 100 High St., Boston.

## New open-concept food hall in Boston's Financial District

By HEATHER BURNS  
News Correspondent

**M**ove over Faneuil Hall, the City of Boston has a brand new food hall destination.

March 2, 2022 was the premier opening day of Boston's latest open-concept food hall, High Street Place.

Located at 100 High St. in the Financial District of Boston, this swanky, new eatery features 19 food vendors and a modern bodega (spanish grocery/wine market) all under one roof.

High Street Place seems to fit the bill as a welcoming gathering place for the community with the hopes to encourage people to come back to the Financial District.

During the past two COVID-stricken years, Boston's Financial District has been somewhat of a ghost town, with ma-

ny companies in the area closing their office doors while employees worked remotely from home.

Now with the recent lifting of many COVID-19 restrictions, everyday life for many is starting to resemble life as we once knew before COVID. Employees are starting to return to "in-person" work in the office, and many are looking for fun night and weekend outings once again.

The opening of this new 20,000 square foot venue is the perfect destination for both downtown workers as well as out of town visitors, and will give a much needed boost to the economy of one of Boston's local neighborhoods that has been significantly financially impacted during the pandemic.

Besides being a convenient place to grab breakfast, lunch or dinner during the work day, High Street Place plans to host "Sip and Sweat" yoga classes on the weekends. Also scheduled are plans to offer many different family-friendly events throughout the year, including an upcoming March Madness Celebration and a Kentucky Derby event.

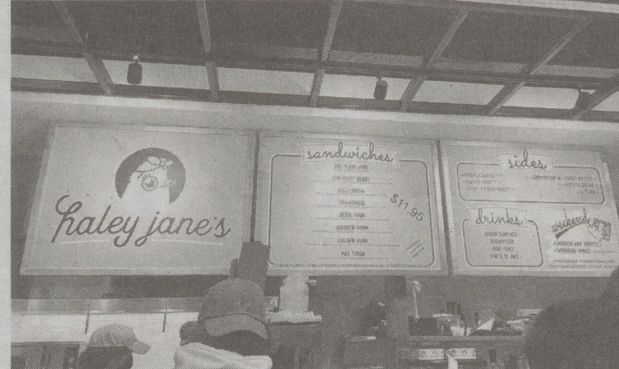
Inside this well-designed, open-concept building, you are greeted by a five-story atrium with a featured wall sporting thousands of twinkling lights. There is also a retractable wall that opens up to a patio for outdoor dining in the warmer weather.

Designed to encourage exploration of the building, you will find many twists and turns throughout the space.

Each food vendor has their own personalized aesthetic to suit their business vibe, but overall, High Street Place pays tribute to the area's rich history, decorated with street signs and Art Deco details.

High Street Place boasts seating for 400, much of which is located in the atrium area. However, there are several small alcoves found throughout, allowing for a more quiet and intimate dining experience.

Regardless if you are there to partake in break-



▲ Haley Jane's is one of 19 different food vendors to choose from at High Street Place.

(Heather Burns photos)

fast, lunch or dinner, the options can be overwhelming, so be sure to bring your appetite.

For breakfast you can enjoy gourmet doughnuts from Blackbird Doughnut Shop, and the European flavor of an authentic coffee house at Gracenote Coffee.

For a healthy start to your day, enjoy one of the many selections of healthy juice, smoothies or breakfast bowls at Mother Juice.

For breakfast, lunch or dinner, experience a New York Jewish deli, Boston style, at Mamaleh's Delicatessen.

Farmacy Cafe is an organic cafe offering everything from salads to smoothies.

Looking for an international flavor at your next meal? There is plenty to choose from here at High Street Place.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI22P1035EA

Estate of: Owen A. Welsh  
Date of Death: 01/26/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudi-

cation of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by John P. Welsh of Salem MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: John P. Welsh of Salem MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/04/2022.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written

appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED  
ADMINISTRATION UNDER  
THE MASSACHUSETTS  
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CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 07, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
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## Three WHS Athletes shine at National Meets



To the left, WHS senior Celia Kulis competing in the 60-meter hurdles during the New Balance Rising Star National Meet held in NYC this weekend, and above from an earlier season meet, Mollie Osgood and Kulis hang together. Osgood also competed in the same meet. (courtesy photos/Susan Kulis).

### Kulis and Osgood compete at New Balance Meet; Broussard at the Nike Meet

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WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, NEW YORK - Before the season started, all Celia Kulis wanted to do was finish under 9.0 seconds in the 55-meter hurdles. On Sunday, she finished third overall in 60-meter hurdles at the 'Rising Star' portion of the high school National Track-and-Field Meet held at the Armory Track. Her time was 8.95 - and that was in an event that five meters longer. Talk about improvement!

"If you think back just a few months ago, she wasn't even under nine seconds for 55-meters and here she runs 8.95 seconds for 60-meters and the calculations there are an 8.21 time for 55-meters," said interim head coach Joe Patrone. "Now with the spring season ahead, it'll be a matter of seeing if she can qualify for the Nationals in the 100-meter hurdles. "She continues to grow

into the event. She is just so new to it. Usually in hurdles, in all of my years of coaching, you get a hurdler and you start working with them as a freshman and you work them up and it takes all four years of high school to do well, where she didn't start track until last year and all of a sudden she is one of the best hurdlers in all of New England."

The 'Rising Star' portion of the Nationals is the second tier under the 'Championship Level'. For Kulis, qualifying and then during the actual competition reaching the 'Rising Star' finals was an extremely difficult challenge. She first had the trials and the semi-finals and if those times were good enough, she would make it to the final.

"We were just taking things one race at a time. (On Saturday) morning when she did the trials, she ran 9.18 which was 13th place. I did the calculations and that works out to 8.42 for 55-meters so that was a really good



Wilmington High senior Amanda Broussard, shown here during an earlier meet, participated in the Nike National Meet held this weekend in New York. (courtesy photo/Susan Kulis).

time for her," said Patrone. "We did the trials, so our goal was then to make it to the semi-finals and see how we do. She had the 13th fastest time and gets into the semis and just looked awesome. She ran 9.12 coming out of the third

heat. After the first two heats I was like 'wow' and I thought if she had run the same time in the semis that she did in the trials, that she could get into the finals. She actually ran faster by six one-hundredths of a second and that calculation is 8.36 for 55-meters."

Her sixth place finish in the semis, put her into the final.

"In the finals, she just looked unbelievable. It was funny because I'm sitting here watching the live feed (from home) and I also had my I-Pad so I was getting the results a little bit before each race (was shown on the video)," said Patrone. "Just before the race starts, I was looking at the results and it comes up and it was like 'Oh my God, is she in third place'? The race goes off and I'm watching it and she just ran unbelievable."

**OSGOOD TAKES 19TH**

Besides Kulis, sophomore Mollie Osgood also competed at the same meet, but her event the high jump came on Friday. She finished 19th overall in the 'Rising Star' portion clearing 4-11.75.

"The program had such a great weekend and it all started Friday with Mollie in the high jump," said Patrone. "What I'm really proud about her is that

she went down there on her own, just her and her dad, and she was able to take care of getting her number, checking in, getting her measurements for the high jump and all of that stuff, and she jumped just under five feet. I sometimes forget that she's just a sophomore and I still got her for another two years. I see some big things from her (in the future). She did real well."

**BROUSSARD AT NIKE**

A third member of the team, senior Amanda Broussard, also competed but at the Nike Nationals, which was held in Staten Island. She competed in both the 200 and 400-meter runs.

"Amanda did the 400 and finished at 62.43. I know she would have liked to have run a little bit faster, but she's been focused on the 300 all season and this was another 100 meters added to her race. That strength will come as we work more during the outdoor season."

"She came back a little later and ran the 200 and finished at 27.42 and was 44th there. There were a lot, a lot of fast girls and finishing at 27.42 is a very good time for her. The experience for her to be down there and competing against athletes like that was really good," said Patrone.

## Cheerleaders D3 State Finalists



The WHS Cheerleaders competed at Worcester State on Sunday for the Division III State Championship. The Wildcats had a great day performing a high energy routine. There were 12 teams in the division and WHS placed second to Dracut by 2.5 points out of 100. The 'Cats will be moving on to represent Massachusetts in the New England Championships on Saturday, March 19th at Worcester State. The team includes: bottom row from left, Tori Ciampa, Allie Fogg, Rachel Nally, Julia Campbell, Janelle Penney; Emersyn Foresyth and Sofia Donovan; and top row from left, Bella Iascone, Kelci Mackenzie, Sarah Gillespie, Kayleigh Cunningham, Emma Erickson and Maddie Murray. (courtesy photo).

### DuCharme, Maxwell compete

Fourth-seeded Jefferson University limited fifth-seeded Bentley University to only 18 second-half points, including just seven in the fourth, and held on for a 50-47 win in the first round of the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball East Regional Friday night at Southern New Hampshire University's Stan Sproul Fieldhouse.

Wilmington resident Kylie DuCharme played two minutes in this contest. On the season, she averaged 14 minutes, 4 points and 4 rebounds per game.

#### MAXWELL

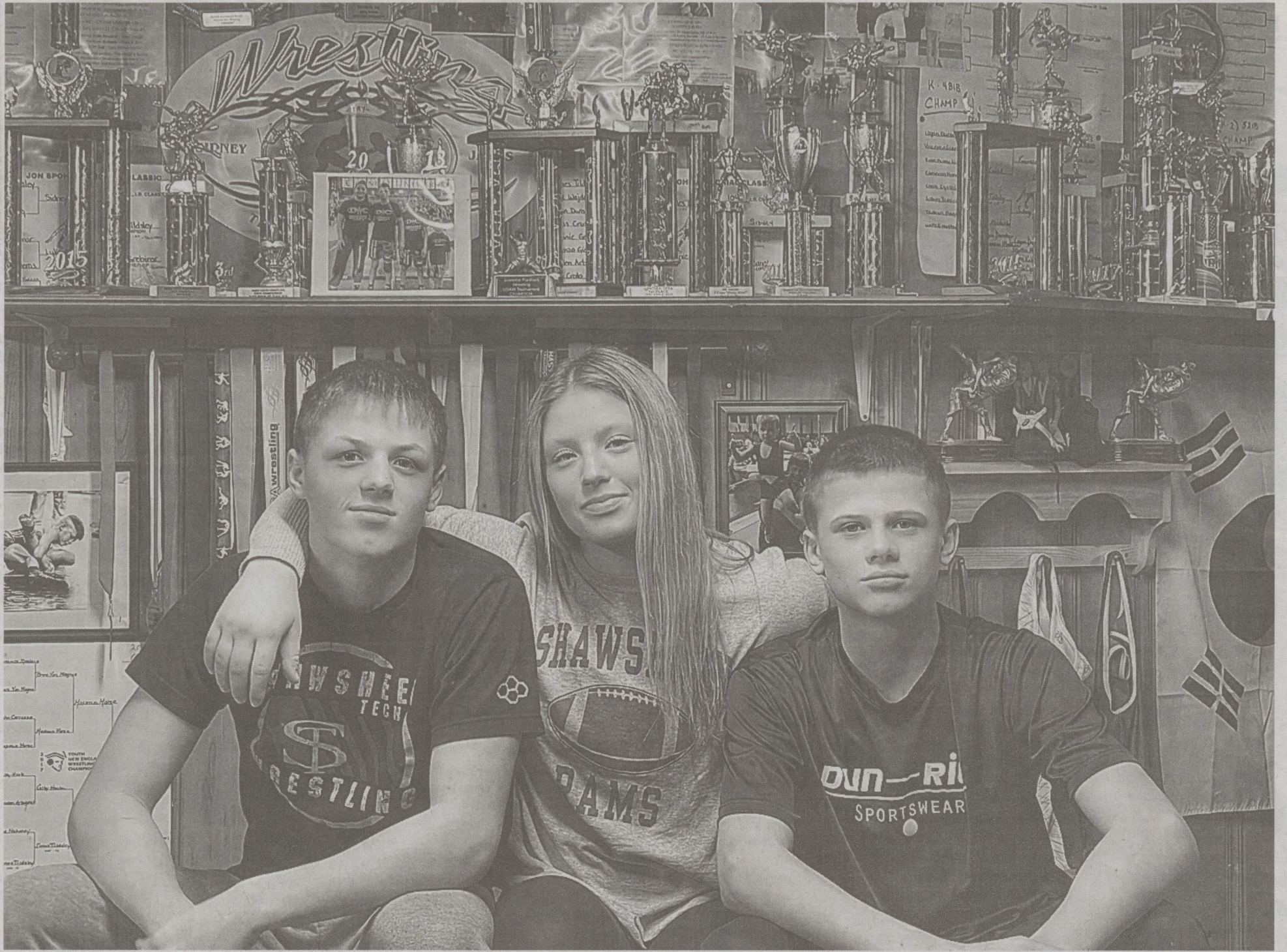
Bridgewater State University senior Fox Maxwell (Wilmington, Mass.) competed on Friday at the 2022 NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships held at the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Wrestling out of the 165-pound weight class, Maxwell went 1-2 at the championship tournament. He lost to third-seeded Kyle Hatch of Wabash College by a second period pin (4:10) in his opening bout, but bounced back with a 6-2 decision over Alex Turley of Averett University in the consolation preliminaries. Maxwell (28-10) was pinned (5:43) by Austin Lamb of RIT in a first round consolation match to end his tournament run.



From Brian, a former star at WHS, to his three kids, wrestling is a family affair

# Don't try to takedown these siblings



The Tildsley Family enjoyed quite a wrestling season, which includes from left, Sid, a New England Champion, Tayla, a state champion in the female division, and James, an eighth grader, who was a finalist at the All-State Meet (courtesy photo).

## Tayla and her two brothers, Sid and James, dominated on the mats

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**BILLERICA** -If you heard about a wrestling team that sent three wrestlers to the All-State Tournament and came away with two champions and a runner up, it would be looked at as a pretty great accomplishment for that team. That would be considered to be a pretty strong wrestling program.

Now consider one family accomplishing that feat all on their own, and you begin to get an idea of just what a special wrestling season the Tildsley family just had. The three siblings, Tayla, Sid and James, each just wrapped up seasons that would make any family proud to have just one of their members accomplish, let alone three.

Tayla and Sid, a senior and a freshman respectively at Shawsheen Tech, both captured the All-State championship in their weight classes at the All-State Tournament a few weeks ago at Game On in Fitchburg, with Tayla winning the Girls All-State title at 147 pounds and Sid winning the boys title at 132 pounds in his way to completing an undefeated sea-

son. James, meanwhile, came up just short of matching his siblings, earning a second place finish at All-States at 106 pounds. Oh, by the way, did we mention that James is an eighth grader wrestling for Billerica High School?

Their father Brian, a former star wrestler at Wilmington High who went on to captain the UMass Lowell Wrestling team and was on the sidelines for each of their victories as an assistant coach with Shawsheen.

The performance at the All-State Meet by the Tildsleys only tells part of the story, however. Not only did they have an incredible performance at that meet, they also had tremendous seasons overall, with Sid going 60-0, while capturing sectional, Division 1 State, All-State and New England titles. James meanwhile overcame a gruesome finger injury to win a sectional title, while also taking third place at the Division 2 State Tournament, and second at both All-States and New Englands. Tayla meanwhile, spent most of her season competing and winning several matches against boys before finally winning the state title

that had eluded her the previous two seasons.

### TAYLA BREAKS THROUGH

With the cancellation of all post season wrestling meets last season, due to COVID, Tayla Tildsley lost her opportunity to compete for an All-State title and complete a mission that had eluded her during her freshman and sophomore seasons when she had reached the finals of the tournament only to come up just short of claiming the state crown.

But she was not going to be denied this time around, as she swept through the competition on her way to winning the title at 147 pounds. Tayla started her tournament like she was on a mission, pinning Joanna Gary of Nashoba Tech in the quarterfinals in just 15 seconds, before moving on to the semifinals where she pinned Billerica High's Sofia Vranka in a time of 2:55.

That left only her finals opponent Ella Agudelo of Agawam standing between her and a state title, having come so close before, Tayla was not going to take any chances this time around, and she

made short work of Agudelo, pinning her in a time of 1:01 to claim the title.

With the win came not only the joy of being a champion, but also a flood of emotions for her former coach, the late Mark Donovan, who had been such an influence on her prior to his death due to cancer in October of 2021.

"I felt relieved, because I worked so hard and I definitely wanted to win it, especially my senior year, and especially without having Dunnie here, I wanted to win it for him," Tayla said. "Even though I wish he was in my corner, I had coach (Doug) Pratt in my corner and my dad, so it was kind of cool doing it for the people who had supported me for the whole season. And I knew Dunnie was still there with me."

Tildsley's relationship with Donovan was extra special for her, particularly with the way he welcomed her to Shawsheen when she was not quite sure about her decision to attend the school.

"From freshman year, he kind of took me under his wing, because I was super hesitant at first about going to Shawsheen, but he helped me out and helped guide me, so we had a great relationship," Tayla said. "I loved annoying him and aggravating him over the years. We got super close and he was just somebody who I could always go to and talk to, because I knew he was super close with my family and close to me. He was just that kind of person for me."

One of the things that made Donovan such a legendary coach was his famous tough love style of coaching, where he could bring the hammer down on an athlete just as quickly as he would wrap his arms around them for a hug. Tayla may have been the exception to that rule, because Donovan seemed to leave out the 'tough' part of his love.

"I was his first girl, so we were close anyway, but I think I sort of had a special place in his heart. He would never yell at me, or get mad at me like he would with the boys,"

Tayla recalled with a laugh. "He would just be like 'ok Tayla, that's fine, you do what you want to do'. He was super proud of me. He wanted to see my name up there on the banner, so it meant a lot to me to finally get that this year, so I can leave something behind."

While Donovan may have been a little softer with Tayla than the boys, there was nothing soft about the competition she would face on a daily basis in practice or in meets when she was squaring off against boys. She was grateful for that training, as it brought out the best in her when she competed against girls.

"I think it helps me a lot, honestly, because boys are just physically going to be naturally stronger than girls," Tayla said. "So, I always had to work to get up to their level, and once you do get to that level, wrestling girls that are technically supposed to be on the same level as you physically it is not necessarily easier, but it definitely helps me train better going against boys."

"I think it's pretty cool when I beat one of the boys. I feel really proud of myself. I kind of feel like a badass, when I come off. I feel like when I go on the mat, I have nothing to lose, because no one is expecting a girl to win, so when I come off it is just like a relief with that good feeling and show people that if you work hard, you can be on the same level as a boy."

Shawsheen coach Doug Pratt, who saw Tayla get better every single season at Shawsheen before finally landing the state title this season, couldn't have been prouder to see her accomplish her goal.

"It was awesome to be there with her and see her do that, and to be there with her dad as well," Pratt said. "A lot of times, the boys get all the accolades, so it was great to see her get the accolades this time. And she was so happy to do it for Dunnie. I think it was almost more for him than for her. For her to be the first girl to get her name on the banner was the biggest thing."

That was something they both wanted."

Tildsley will be graduating from Shawsheen in May, and moving on to college shortly thereafter where she will continue her wrestling career. But not before spending a post graduate year at Phillips Academy in Andover where she was recently accepted.

"I wanted to get another year of high school and build myself up both academically and athletically, so I thought that doing a post grad year at Phillips would be really beneficial for me. I am really excited to do that before college," Tayla said. "I have been looking at a few programs and talking to a few coaches but I am really not sure yet where I will go to college, because I know that a lot of programs are going to open in the next year because women's wrestling is growing so fast, so that is another reason I wanted to take a year and go to Phillips Academy. I am really excited to see what opens up in the next year."

Tayla has thrived with the support of her siblings as well as well as her parents. While she pointed out how important her brother's support has been for her, she is also very grateful to have two parents have been equally supportive.

Brian wrestled at Wilmington High before going on to be a four-year letter winner at UMass Lowell where he was a team captain in his senior year of 1999. He then went on to coach wrestling at Minuteman Tech in Lexington for 13 years before resigning in 2012. Brian was the head football coach at Minuteman up until last season, when he came to Shawsheen to coach the offense, including Sid at quarterback, along with Pratt. He is also the head lacrosse coach at Minuteman. Erica meanwhile, was an All-American sprinter and hurdler for UMass Lowell where she still holds several records, was named one of the Top Ten Female Athletes in school

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Shawsheen Tech senior Tayla Tildsley captured the state championship title in the 147-pound division earlier this season. (courtesy photo).



"Because both of them are athletes, they understand what it takes to reach your goals. With my dad wrestling, he understands what it takes, so he pushes us to our full potential," Tayla said. "Some people might think he is too hard on us or too strict, but I don't see it that way. We have a very well rounded life even though we wrestle a lot. He knows what we need to do, and he pushes us to it because he knows what we are capable of."

#### EIGHTH GRADER SHINES

It was January 17 of this year, Martin Luther King Day, a day off from wrestling for James that nearly cost him his season and possibly his career and truthfully possibly something much worse. James, who was off to a 25-0 start to his high school career at the time, was in his garage working on a dirt bike. He was spinning the brake drums when his finger got caught in the steel brake drum and lopped the top of his finger off. It was a gruesome injury for anybody, let alone a young wrestler who obviously relies heavily on his hands to be successful.

Beyond the pain and horror of the injury itself, wrestling was out of the question for the foreseeable future, and who knows how long after that. Never mind wrestling, training was also out of the question, at least anything beyond running to keep in shape. James's season looked to be all but over at that point.

But this is one tough eighth grader. About four weeks later, 27 days to be exact, James was back on the mat, competing for Billerica High in the Division 2 North Sectional Tournament. He didn't just compete however. Without the benefit of so much as a practice heading into the meet, James swept through the competition, going 4-0 in the tournament to take home the sectional title.

He pinned his first three opponents, all in one minute or less, before pulling out an 8-0 major decision win over Lowell Catholic's Scotty Moreau in the finals. For James, the most difficult part of returning to the mat, along with missing part of his finger, was dealing with a lack of conditioning.

"It was definitely different, having to avoid certain moves and just getting very gassed early in matches. There is a dif-

ference between being in workout shape and being in wrestling shape," James said. "I was in workout shape, with running and everything, but going on the wrestling mat is a lot different when you are trying use your muscles and take someone down. You can get tired pretty easily."

The fact that he returned to the mat, let alone won the tournament, shocked the wrestling community.

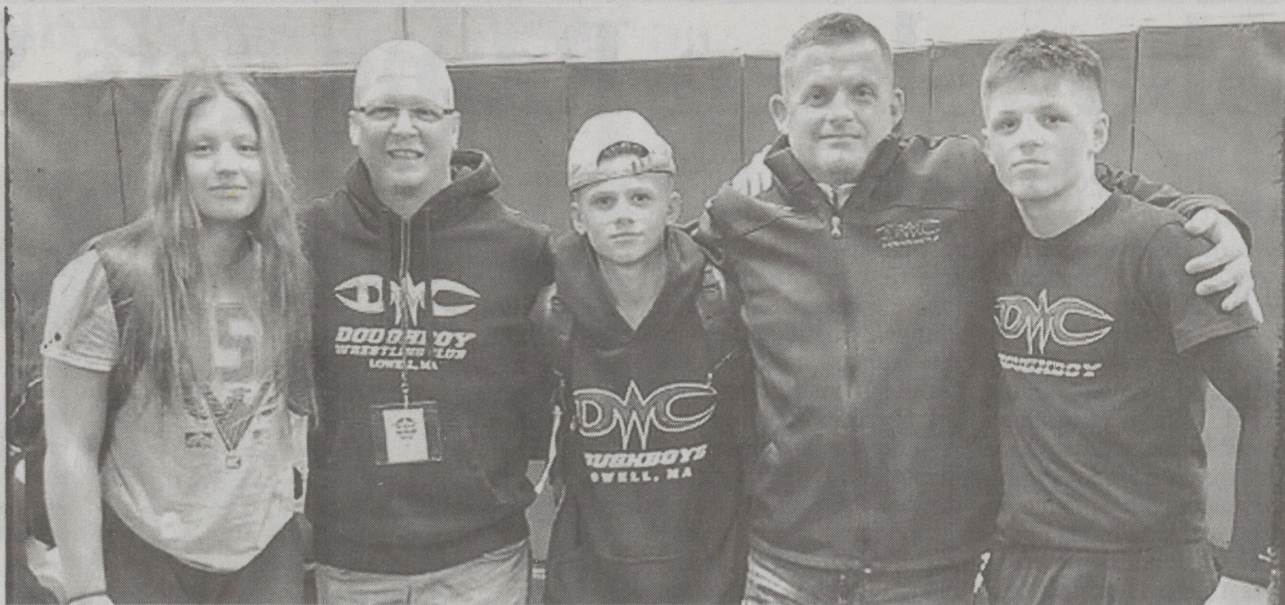
"To be honest, everybody I have talked to in the wrestling community, nobody thought he could come back from it, but 27 days later he was in the sectionals," his dad, Brian said.

Pratt, who was not coaching James this season, but will coach him next season when he transfers to Shawsheen Tech for his freshman year, was amazed at what he was able to do in his recovery from injury.

"He is a tough, tough kid. One of the toughest kids I know," Pratt said. "I have coached him in youth football since he was in sixth grade, so I knew how tough he was, but what he did here was incredible. When I say tough, I mean tough. I don't know many kids who could do what he did. For him to do what he did, not only in sectionals, but then to finish second in All-States and New Englands was incredible. He is second to none as far as toughness goes."

The tremendous post season was just part of an incredible season overall for James, who went 35-3 on the year, with all three of his losses coming to the same wrestler, Musa Tamaradze of West Springfield, in the semifinals of the state tournament and the finals of the All-State and New Englands. As great as his season was, James was not entirely surprised by it after the preparation he had gotten at the youth level, as well as while working out at Dough Boy Wrestling in Lowell under the direction of Mike Marshall.

"I didn't anticipate success at the beginning, because obviously as an eighth grader going into a high school season, it's not something where a lot of eighth graders do that well. I wanted to win. I wanted to win everything, so I just kind of set my mind to where I was going to work for it," James said. "My last year of youth (wrestling) was one of my best years. I wouldn't say this year was easi-



The siblings, Tayla far left, James (middle) and Sid (far right) took a picture during the 2021 season along with the late Shawsheen Tech coach Mark Donovan (second from left) and their father Brian, a former star wrestler at Wilmington High and UMass-Lowell. (courtesy photo).

er, because it definitely wasn't easier, but the competition wasn't as high level as some of my youth matches. So, I think I did so well at the start of the year because of the competition I had faced last year at the youth level."

Another thing that James had going for him this season was that he certainly wasn't intimidated by the big stage of a state or even New England tournament. The only intimidation he did feel was self-inflicted, as he always put pressure on himself to win.

"The pressure of the environment didn't phase me, because growing up with youth tournaments there are a million people watching the tournament," James said. "I have lost at the youth level almost as much as I have won, so I am used to that losing kind of feeling, so that kind of makes the pressure go down when you have had that feeling. It helps motivate you because you don't want to have that feeling."

Another thing that motivated James this season was his desire to match Tayla and Sid's success. The Tildsley siblings are each other's biggest fans, but at the same time, none of them want to lag behind the others. He and Sid in particular certainly engaged in a friendly rivalry this season.

"It was Sid's first year of high school wrestling too, so we kind of competed with each other at the beginning of the season, like who hadn't given up a takedown yet, and things like that. It was cool to kind of get that full high school experience together," James said. "Losing and having your sibling win is good in the moment, because you are

happy for them, but later it is terrible, because it is the ultimate bragging rights and you don't want to be the one who lost."

Sibling rivalry aside, James knows that all of the Tildsleys, including with their younger brother Sonny, who as an eight-year old is already making his mark on the youth level, benefit from having each other to work out with and game plan with. Whether it is working out in their basement wrestling room or discussing strategy with each other, wrestling is always a big part of their lives.

"It is definitely something we talk about at dinner and things like that, and then we can train in the basement as well and work on things together," James said. "Every time if we are not at Dough Boy or somewhere else for practice, we are down here kind of tightening things up and fixing those little things we have to work on."

#### SID MAKES HISTORY

Clearly, each of the Tildsleys had incredible seasons for their respective schools, but Sid's season stood out not only within the family, but also in the entire state. In his first year of high school wrestling, Sid not only took home the sectional, state, All-State and New England titles, but he also finished the season with a perfect 60-0 record, becoming the first freshman in Massachusetts history to go undefeated and win the New England title in the same season.

It is not hyperbole to say it is a season that it is a season that may never be duplicated. Pratt for one isn't anticipating seeing it again any time soon.

"I have never seen it in my 31 years of coaching. It was a very special year for him, so for me to experience it with him and his dad was incredible," Pratt said. "It made watching what he did even better. I am not going to say it will never happen again, but I had never seen it before, and don't think I will see it again."

Sid, like James, got his season off to quick start with a win at the Blue Devil Wrestling Classic in Salem, New Hampshire. That was his first clue that this might be a special season, but truth be told, much like James, he knew going into the season that he had the opportunity to be successful at

the high school level.

"A lot of kids I wrestled this year are kids I wrestled during youth, so it was kind of a journey with them. I knew I would end up wrestling a lot of them in high school, so it wasn't really a step up or down so much as it was 'I have been here before I know what I am doing and what it takes to beat these kids,'" Sid said. "I felt like even if it was a bigger stage, I had faced those kids before, so I knew what I could do."

The quick start to the season was great, and by the time the prestigious George Bossi Holiday Tournament rolled around in December, Sid had already established himself as a force to be reckoned with. His performance at that tournament, including a win in the finals over St. John's Prep senior Adam Schaeublin, the defending state champion, took his expectations for the season to another level. Namely, he began to think about the possibility of an undefeated season. After discussing it with Pratt as well as fellow Shawsheen coaches Nick Gamble, Rob McIsaac and of course his dad, it became apparent that they believed in his ability to achieve that goal.

"Obviously after the Salem Tournament I felt pretty good winning my first tournament, and then I just kept going. And then by Holidays, after I beat Schaeublin in the finals, the coaches told me, you can do this. You can go all the way and win it all. So, at that moment I knew I had a chance," Sid said.

The win over Schaeublin at the Bossi Tournament was one of six wins by Sid over the defending state champion, with his final victory coming in the finals of the All-New England Tournament. Schaeublin lost just six matches all season, all six of them to Sid, a remarkable achievement for the freshman over the senior.

"That first match, I knew I was ready for it, but I had usually wrestled Alex, his younger brother, so Adam was a new test for me, and his style was something I had never seen, with that rushing and that square stance, so that first match was kind of boring, it was just 2-0 with no takedowns. The next match I opened him up a little more and I think it was 5-0," Sid said.

By the time they reached sectionals, matches were

very close, with Sid winning 3-2. Sid then took a 6-4 decision in states with a last second takedown, followed by a triple overtime win in All-States and then a 3-2 win in New Englands after he had entered the third period trailing 1-0.

"We had kind of figured each other out and it was a battle the whole time," Sid said. "We always talk about how we have to spill our guts, meaning if we do what we can do, this kid won't beat us. So, I knew if I gave it everything I had he wasn't going to beat me."

Now that he has had a chance to look back in his season, Sid has had a chance to appreciate just how special it was. As Pratt said, 60-0, especially for a freshman, simply doesn't happen. Except in this case, it did happen.

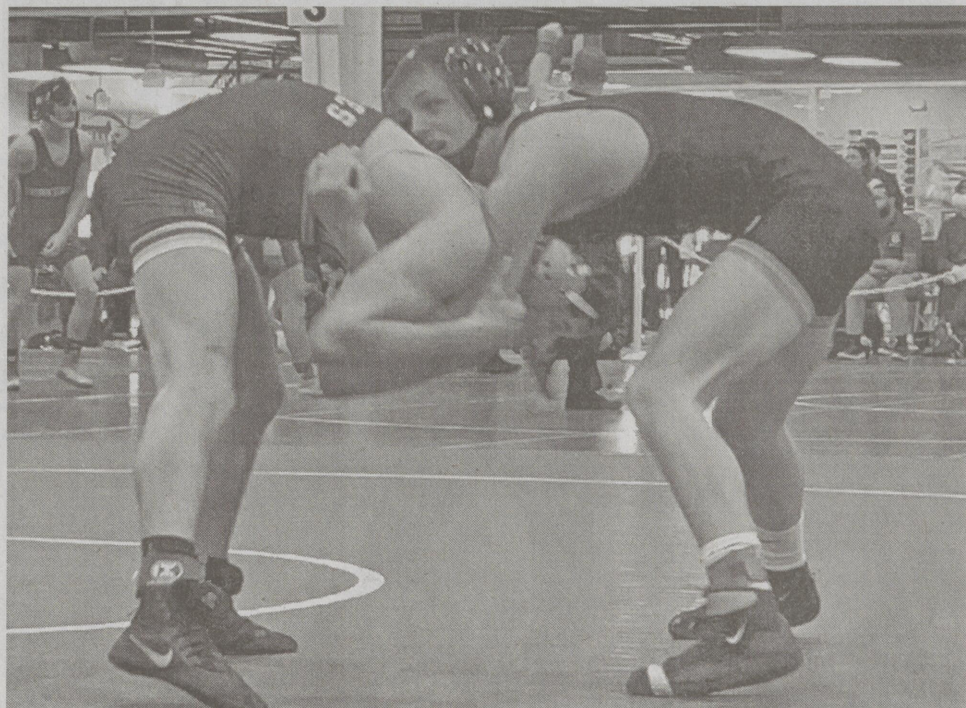
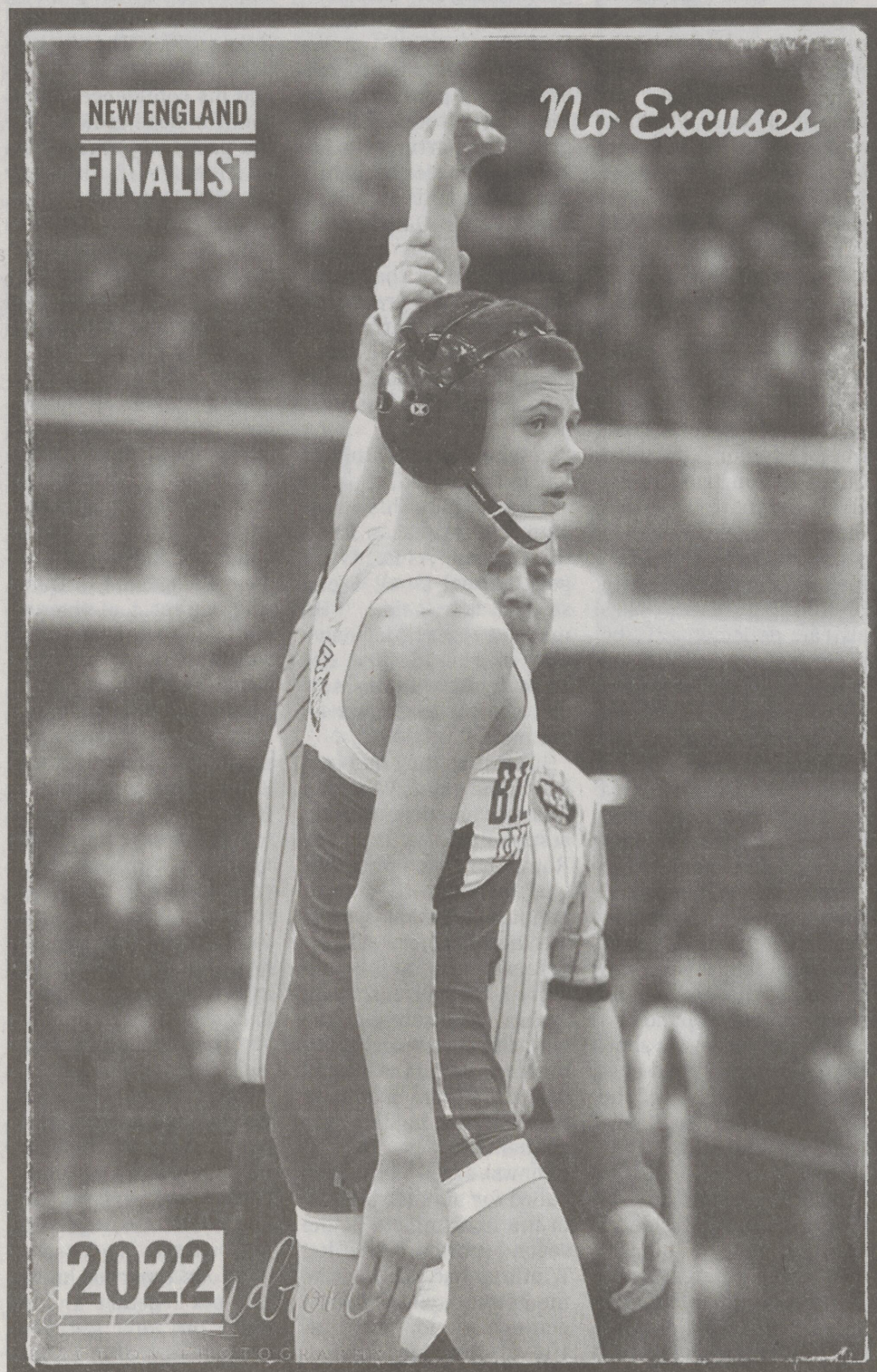
"I am very humble about it, but the accomplishment is something we have dreamed about since I was in third grade," Sid said. "Even after winning my first youth title, that felt great, but I knew that high school was where it really mattered. Now that I am here, that kind of accomplishment was something I have been training a long time for."

Sid credits his coaches, both past and present, including his dad for him being able to accomplish what he did in his first year of high school wrestling.

"This whole year was a new step for me because it was high school. Usually, it is just us over at Dough Boy where coach Marshall was always a great help as a youth wrestler," Sid said. "Now that I am in high school, it was more the high school coaches, like coach Gamble, coach McIsaac, coach Pratt and my dad obviously. So, it was kind of like a new step for us to come together and prove what we can do on the high school level."

He also of course credits Tayla and James for always bringing out the best in him. While he wants to be the best not only in the state, but also in the family, he knows that regardless of what happens, they will always be each other's biggest fans.

"We always root for each other, but afterwards if you lose and they win, you know you don't have the bragging rights, and you definitely want that," he said. "But I always knew, even after James lost that he would always be in my



On the left, eighth grader James Tildsley, was an all-state finalist in the 106-pound weight class as a member of the Billerica High team and above, Sid, a freshman, completed the season undefeated, including taking the NE Championship title. (courtesy photos).



# Shawsheen Rams gets Sandwiched

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BOURNE - After playing their best game of the season in their thrilling Round of 16 win over Winthrop last Wednesday night, the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team hit the road once again two nights later to take on another powerful opponent in their home rink, this time taking on No. 4 seed Sandwich at the Gallo Arena in Bourne in the quarterfinals of the MIAA Division 4 State Tournament last Friday night.

Unfortunately for the No. 12 Rams, the results were not quite as favorable this time around, as they came up on the short end of a 7-0 score, marking a tough end to a fine season that saw Shawsheen finish 16-6-1 overall.

As good as Shawsheen had played against some very tough competition in their first two playoff games in picking up wins over West/East Bridgewater and Winthrop, it seemed clear from the outset that Sandwich was on another level, as they controlled play almost from the outset, outshooting the Rams 14-5 in the first period and continuing with that trend for much of the game.

"We played one of our worst games against a very good team. I feel if we performed as we did on Wednesday, it would have been a much different game," Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker said. "We basically could not get out of our own way and made way too many mental mistakes to even be in the game. With that being said, the team had a great season and battled hard throughout. They showed resiliency all season long. They are a great group."

The large advantage in

shots eventually paid off for Sandwich, as they took a 1-0 lead with 4:37 left in the first period on a goal by sophomore Jack Connelly. Still, thanks to the efforts of Shawsheen goalie Aiden MacLeod, who had already played two outstanding games in the state tournament, it looked like the Rams would go to the first period intermission facing just that one goal deficit.

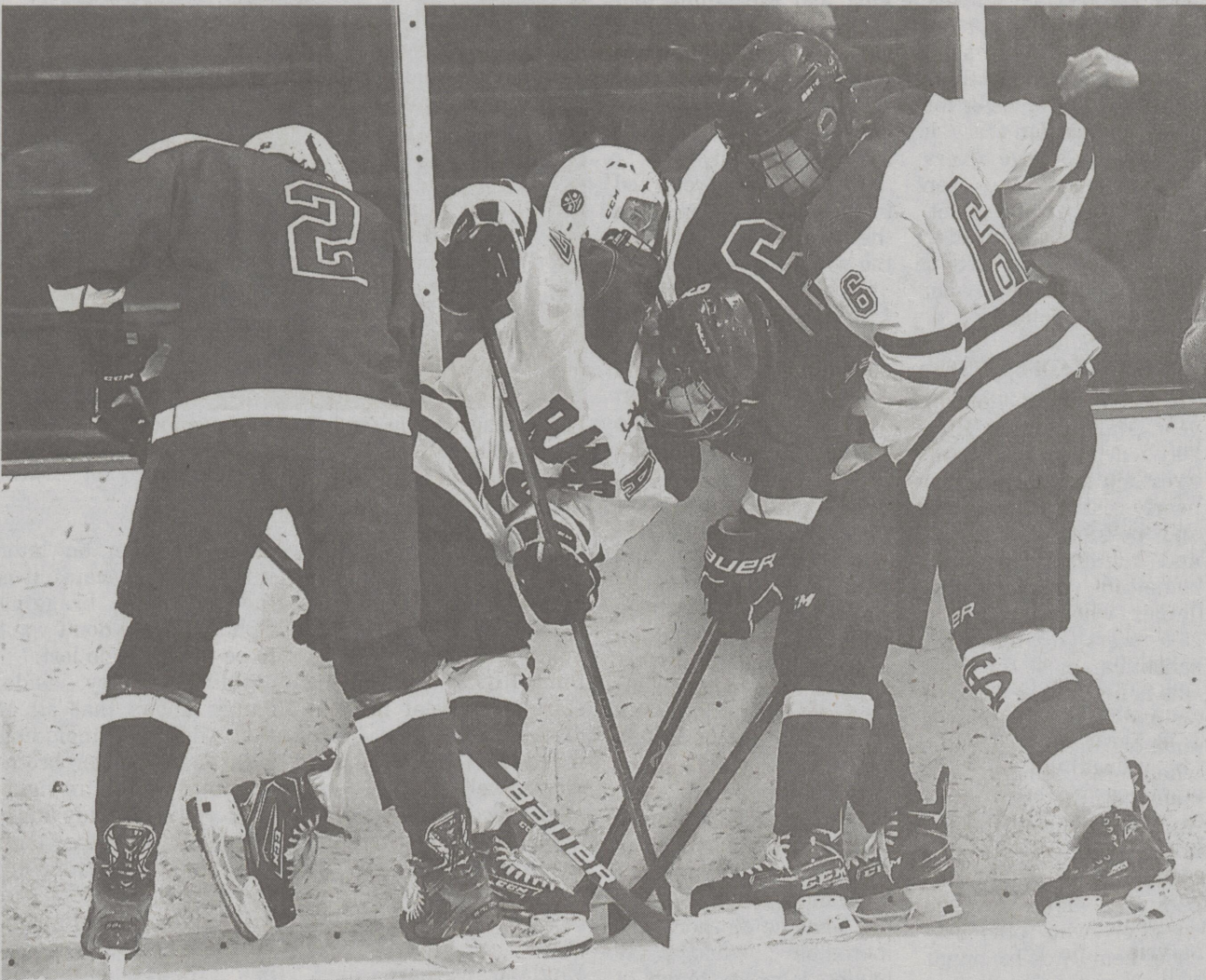
That was not to be the case, however, as Blue Knights sophomore Chris Cardillo scored a back breaker of a goal with just three seconds left in the period, putting in a rebound of a Chris McIver shot to make it 2-0, and send the Rams to the locker room deflated after the first 15 minutes of play.

"There is a huge difference between a 1-0 and 2-0 score to end a period, especially in a state game. The way that it occurred with minimal time left on the clock was another kicker. I could see it in the team's eyes in the locker room," Baker said. "They already looked defeated. But with that being said, we didn't come out of the locker room like the team I saw all season long battling to get back into games if we needed too."

"We came out in the second flat again and allowed Sandwich to control the play again. It was very mind boggling to the coaching staff."

Sandwich took advantage of their momentum at the start of the second period when senior Drew MacKinnon scored his 23rd goal of the season to make the score 3-0 just 34 seconds into the frame and when MacKinnon added another goal, this time a shorthanded tally with 6:46 left in the period to make it 4-0, it was all but over for the Rams.

Shawsheen continued to battle, with Quinn Fallon



Shawsheen Tech's Aydan Churchill (2nd from left) and Roland Spengler (right) battle for the puck along the boards, against East Bridgewater/Bridgewater's Sam Hall (left) and Jeff Young during an earlier playoff win. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

and Zack Patterson each having a chance late in the period to get on the board, but Sandwich goalie

Michell Norkevicius was equal to the task each time and the teams headed to the second intermission with the score still at 4-0.

Three more goals by the Blue Knights in the third period brought a rather humbling end to the season for the Rams, but as they went through the traditional handshake line, it was impossible to think of their season as anything other than a success. While they were unable to win a fifth consecutive CAC title, finishing second to Essex Tech, they won 16 games including a pair

of state tournament games. Baker would have of course liked to win even more games in the tournament, but he was proud of the season they had.

"Absolutely I am very happy. There was very little or no tournament experience on this team," Baker said. "But they worked hard all season long, and played into the second week of March and knocked off the fifth seed in Winthrop. The team has a great bond from the seniors down to the freshmen. They are a great group of kids."

And while the Rams will have to deal with the loss of some key seniors, particularly tri-captains Ryan Dusablon and Aydan

Churchill of Wilmington along with Tom Sampson, as well as goalies Tom Dalton and Joe McLaren, both of Wilmington, they will bring back a strong core to next year's team.

Leading scorers Chase and Brady Darcey, a sophomore and a junior respectively, will return to power the Rams offense as will sophomore forward Kyle Gray of Wilmington, junior forward Nick Calouro of Tewksbury and sophomore defenseman Derek Nazzaro of Tewksbury. Junior goalie Aiden MacLeod will also return between the pipes after some stellar post season play, so there is plenty of reason for optimism for

the Rams moving forward.

The reality is they could be even better next season, but Baker knows that it will not come without a lot of hard work.

"Every team has the potential to be better. It all depends on how hard they want to work at it in the offseason," Baker said. "I hope this team has that itch now to succeed and will put in that extra effort off of the ice and train for next season. We need to get stronger and faster as a team. That all happens off the ice."

## MacLeod saves the day in second round win

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WINTHROP - Heading into their Round of 16 matchup with Winthrop in the MIAA Division 4 State Hockey Tournament last Wednesday night, the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team knew they would have to play their best game of the season if they were going to pull off the upset against Winthrop in their own building.

As it turned out, that was exactly what the No. 12 Rams got, as they put together a great three period effort on their way to a 5-3 victory at Larsen Rink, eliminating the No. 5 Vikings, and advancing to the state quarterfinals.

The Rams were led by a pair of shorthanded goals, including the eventual game winner late in the second period, from sophomore forward Chase Darcey, as well as in incredible performance in

net by junior goalie Aiden MacLeod, who stopped 47 of 50 shots to backbone his team to victory.

The Rams had advanced to the Round of 16 with a first round win at home over West/East Bridgewater, a game in which they had played well in spurts, but had left coach Chuck Baker looking for more of a complete three period effort. On Wednesday night, he got what he was looking for. The Rams youngest players, including Darcey had never played in a high school tournament game prior to their first round win. By the time Wednesday night rolled around, they looked like seasoned playoff veterans.

"The effort was solid. It was the most complete team game we have played all season. The boys were buzzing," Baker said. "Winthrop was a great team. This place was packed with spectators. It was a great

atmosphere for playoff hockey. We battled each shift with no let downs. I am happy for this group, because they work hard and are a very close group. The young guys had no choice, and they have all responded great."

The Rams got off to a fast start in this one, taking an early 1-0 lead on a goal by sophomore forward Kyle Gray of Wilmington, his second goal in as many playoff games. Sophomore defenseman Derek Nazzaro of Tewksbury got the play started, fighting for a loose puck along the boards and getting off a tough shot on net. The puck deflected off a Winthrop defenseman and an alert Gray pounced on it and wasted little time in beating the Winthrop goalie to the glove side with 12:30 left in the first period.

"It was great to score first. Often times we will give up the first goal,"

Baker said. "The game was a rollercoaster ride for sure but we battled and road out the storm at times. I feel for the first time this season we had a little puck luck where the bounces were going our way. Hard work is usually what brings that luck and we worked hard for sure in this one."

It looked like the Rams might have a chance to extend their lead later in the period when they went on a power play, but instead it was Winthrop who got on the board next, when Peter Silverman scored an unassisted goal with 5:35 left in the period to make the score 1-1, and that is how the first period would end.

Shawsheen would get a little more of the puck luck that Baker referred to for their second goal, when senior forward Quinn Fallon tried to set up linemate Aydan Churchill in front with a pass from behind the net. Instead connecting with Churchill, the pass instead deflected off the skate of a Winthrop defenseman and into the net for a 2-1 Shawsheen lead with 11:57 left in the second period.

The Rams extended their lead to 3-1 with 8:39 left in the period on Chase Darcey's first goal of the game. After allowing a shorthanded goal earlier in the game, the Rams returned the favor with Darcey's goal, as he scored on the rebound of a Brady Darcey shot. Brady got off a good shot from the right side of the net that Winthrop goalie Anthony Indrisano made a nice save on, but the rebound kicked out to Chase on the left side of the net and he quickly cashed in to give the Rams a two goal lead.

Winthrop called a timeout after the goal, and

whatever their coach said to them must have hit its mark, because 20 seconds after the ensuing faceoff, the Vikings made it a one goal game again on a goal by Phil Boncore, making the score 3-2. Winthrop actually controlled play for the next several minutes after their goal as well, with only the stellar goaltending of MacLeod keeping the Rams in the lead.

When Shawsheen was called for a penalty late in the period, it looked like a great opportunity for Winthrop to tie the game. But instead, it was once again Chase Darcey with a big play and a shorthanded goal for the Rams. Darcey made a great play to block a Winthrop shot at the Shawsheen blue line and then took it the other way for a breakaway goal and a 4-2 Shawsheen lead with 1:48 left in the period.

"Chase had his best game of the season in all three zones. As far as the goal, unreal is all I can say," Baker said. "He made a great defensive play on the PK and finished it off with his second shorthanded goal on the night."

But just as they had earlier in the game, Winthrop wasted very little time in responding after the Rams had taken a two goal lead, this time needing just 11 seconds after the faceoff before Vikings defenseman Ari Hain scored to pull his team within 4-3, sending the teams to the second intermission with the Rams holding a slim lead, but the Vikings holding the momentum.

Shawsheen had been called for another penalty in the final minute of the second period, meaning Winthrop had not only the momentum, but also a power play for the first 1:16 of the third period.

The Rams managed to kill off the early power play and thanks to the efforts of MacLeod, they were also able to stave off the Winthrop comeback attempt.

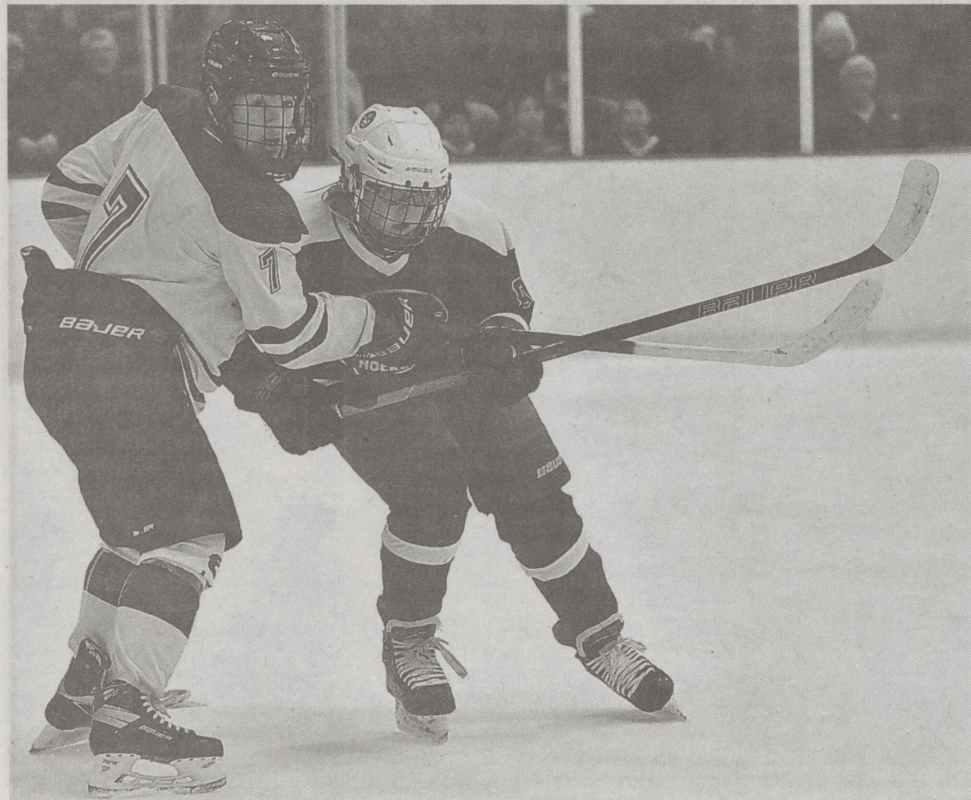
"Aiden made some highlight reel saves in the game. He managed the game, making the routine saves, making some big stops and tied the puck up when he needed to," Baker said. "The 47 saves were huge for the team and his confidence. He is showing huge growth over the past two games. The coaching staff is very proud of him."

Both teams would have their chances in the closing minutes, but the score would remain 4-3 until Fallon scored his second goal of the game into an empty net with ten seconds left to clinch the victory for the Rams and move them into Friday night's quarterfinal matchup with Sandwich.

"It was also great seeing Quinn Fallon pop a couple," Baker said. "Quinn was out most of the season with a broken collar bone."

With the win, the Rams moved on to the Division 4 state quarterfinals against Sandwich last Friday night. And just as Baker knew his team would have to be better against Winthrop than they were in their first round game against West/East Bridgewater, he knew they would need to be even better against Sandwich.

"Sandwich is a very good team. You don't get a four seed for being bad. We do not know too much but I am on the hunt for info and watching film," Baker said. "The confidence is there, but plain and simple we need to play our brand of hockey and put together another A+ effort and see what happens."



Shawsheen Tech's Tom Sampson battles with Christian Bates during the playoff win over Bridgewater/East Bridgewater. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



## Rams Boys Hoop team cleans up with post-season awards

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BILLERICA - It was a fantastic season for the Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball team, as the Rams went 17-7 overall, including 11-1 in the CAC to win their first outright CAC title since 2008, while also winning their first Large School State Vocational championship since 2008 with a thrilling win over Blackstone Valley Tech at Mark Donovan Gymnasium.

They returned to their gym a couple of days after the vocational school victory to pick up a preliminary round win over Madison Park in the Division 3 State Tournament before being eliminated in the Round of 32 by Dover Sherborn.

In recognition of their great season, three Rams, as well as third year coach Joe Gore were recently honored with post season awards. Shawsheen junior Maverick Bourdeau, as well as seniors Jeremy Perez of Tewksbury and Jeff Kelly, were each voted to the CAC All-Star team, and Bourdeau was selected as CAC MVP. Gore meanwhile, was voted as CAC Coach of the Year by his fellow coaches for the second consecutive season.

Gore was very proud of his three All-Stars, and truly appreciated all that they brought to the team this season.

"I am so happy for these guys. In my eyes, they truly earned this," Gore said. "We are the only team to have three All-Stars and I am proud of the fact that they are three of the hardest workers we have ever had."

It was the third consecutive All-Star appearance for Perez, while Bourdeau averaged 17 points, nine rebounds and two steals per game on his way to winning the MVP. The three All-Stars, not coincidentally, were also three of the Rams four captains this season, and they displayed their leadership with their tremendous work ethic throughout the season.

"They earned every bit of those awards," Gore said. "They showed the underclassmen what it means to be a varsity athlete with their dedication to the team and the hard work they put in."

Gore was honored to be voted as Coach of the Year once again by his peers, but he deflected much of the credit for the award to his players and fellow coaches.

"It's obviously a big accomplishment but the bigger picture is I am fortunate enough to be surrounded by great people," Gore said. "That goes from our managers to a group of players that totally bought in to what we preached as a coaching staff."

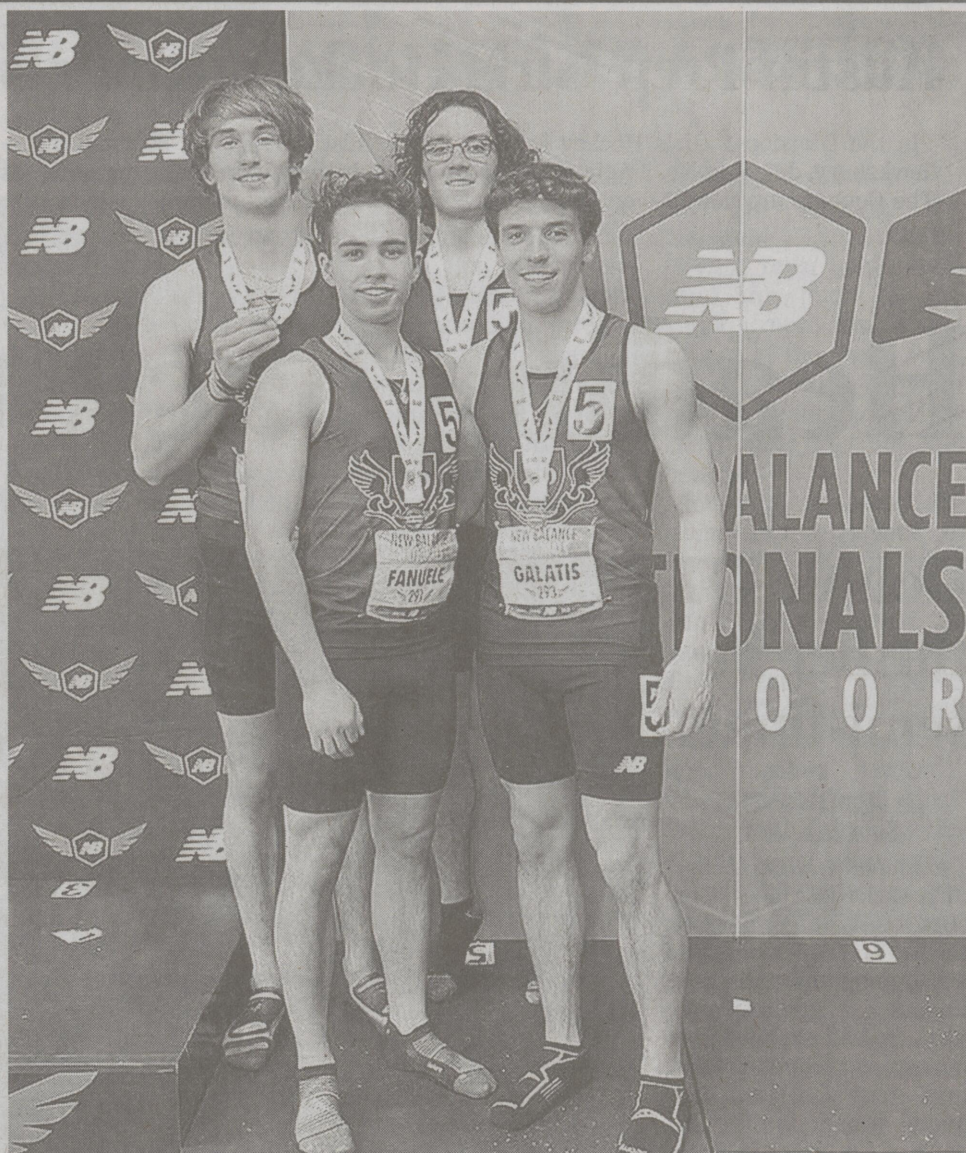
And speaking of that coaching staff, which

includes Mike Gore, Bob Hodnett and Greg Bendel, Gore knows that his success and the team's success would not have been possible without them.

"I have one of the best coaching staffs around. It is a total, total, team effort and this accomplishment is shared by all of us, including our book keeper Matt Bruno and out scorer Angela Cairra," Gore said. "I am very lucky to have such great people working with me. But really, without all of these kids buying in the way they did, we would not be having this conversation."

Gore especially wanted to thank Shawsheen athletic director Al Costabile for helping him in his coaching career.

"Coach C has been great. Whatever we need, he is there for us. He has been a huge mentor to me in my coaching career and my professional career," Gore said. "He creates a very supportive atmosphere and makes it very easy to do our jobs."



The group of from left, Tristan Miller, Nico Fanuele (of Wilmington), Colby Medeiros (of Wilmington) and Steven Galatis, were part of the Austin Prep fifth place 4x400 and sixth place sprint medley relay teams during this weekend's Nationals held in NYC. (courtesy photo).

## Arbogast closes out terrific season at Nationals

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WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, NY - This past weekend, Tewksbury Memorial High School junior Alex Arbogast participated in the High School National Track-and-Field Meet held at the Armory Track. Competing in the "Championship Meet", Arbogast finished 32nd overall in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.03 seconds.

"(It was not) exactly the time Alex wanted, but it was a really good learning experience and he is ready to tackle the competition in the spring season and next indoor season," said head coach Lauren Polimeno. "I am very proud of his work ethic and drive this season. I am very excited to see what he can do in the future."

On the season, Arbogast finished first in the MVC in both the 55-meter dash and the 300, and then won the dash at the Division 4 Eastern Mass Meet and the New England's, while taking second at the All-State Meet.



On Tuesday, the Merrimack Valley Conference announced its post-season awards for both boys and girls track. Arbogast was the lone representative from either team to be named to the All-Conference team. Both Nick Alvarado (mile) and Nick Polimeno (300) on the boys side and the four members of the girls 4x200 relay team including Carrina Barron, Noelia Cura, Kimsan Nguyen and Cassidy Paige were all named to the second team.

## Several youth wrestlers shine at NE Meet

Tewksbury Youth Wrestling competed in the Youth New England's in Hanover this past Saturday. The stakes were high and the competition was at an elite level. Youth New England's is what every youth competitor trains to have the chance to compete at the end of every season.

Tewksbury had a strong showing with a total of 8 qualifying athletes compete.

In the 3rd - 6th grade Bryce Grant, David Shunamon, Richard Kelley, Robbie Bjorkgren, and Tommy Bjorkgren. In the 7th - 8th grade division, Tewksbury had three competitors in Sean Callahan, Jake Hardy, and Angelo Desisto.

All the wrestlers showed amazing grit and strength to be competitive in every match. On the day there were two Tewksbury wrestlers that were able to get to the podium and

earn a medal. Tommy Bjorkgren second and Bryce Grant fourth. They both wrestled extremely tough. They proved to themselves that all the hard work had paid off and their goals to be a New England place winner would be achieved.

As a whole Tewksbury coaches were extremely proud of all the kids that competed. Every kid gained the confidence it takes to carry into next season knowing they have the ability to compete at the highest level. This capped off what was an epic season for the Tewksbury youth wrestling season. A season of uncertainty with COVID still lingering. Ultimately a season where the Tewksbury Tough community came together, with one purpose. This was for the kids to get back to having fun.



The WHS Girls Indoor Track and Field team officially ended its terrific season this past weekend with three individuals competing in the high school nationals. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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## Austin Prep Girls Hockey team also going back for another state title

In the Division 1 Girls Hockey bracket, No. 1 Austin Prep, led by local players Lauryn Hanafin and Jessica Martinson of Wilmington, and Emma Spengler of Tewksbury, defeated No. 5 Acton-Boxboro, 5-1, to advance to the state championship game to be played on Sunday, where the Cougars will square off against Arlington. The Cougars are now 26-0 on the season and have given up just nine goals in that span. Maeve Carey scored two goals in the win over AB.

# Heading back to the Garden!

## Double-OT thriller in semi-finals

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FRAMINGHAM - The opportunity to get back to the TD Garden seemed to be slipping through their fingers.

But that all changed in a matter of seconds thanks to a wrist shot from the point which found the back of the net - a goal, by Nick DiCioccio that will forever be linked as one of the top moments in program history.

On Monday night, the No. 1 seed Tewksbury Redmen (21-2) barely got past No. 5 seed Duxbury, 4-3, in a double-overtime Division 2 state semi-final thriller, played before a packed house at the loud Loring Arena.

Tewksbury will now play for the Division 2 state championship on Sunday (time to be announced) at the Garden against the winner of No. 2 Gloucester or No. 3 Canton. The Redmen have won state titles in 1995 and 2011, while losing in the final in 2019.

After Duxbury tied the game up at 3-3 on a 6-on-4 situation with 57 seconds left in regulation, both teams had a handful of scoring opportunities through the eight minute 4-on-4 overtime period



On Monday night, the TMHS Boys Hockey team defeated Duxbury, 4-3, with less than a minute left in double overtime in the Division 2 state semi-final game played at the Loring Arena in Framingham. The team celebrated the win in front of his fans. (courtesy photo).

and then through the first three-plus minutes of the eight-minute 3-on-3 second overtime frame. All of those chances were denied behind the stellar play of both goalies, Sam Mazanec of Duxbury (42 saves) and Ben O'Keefe of Tewksbury (26 saves).

With 4:20 to go, Duxbury

(14-10-2) was called for a major boarding penalty, giving Tewksbury a 4-on-3 advantage. Trying to make the perfect pass and score the perfect goal, Tewksbury's chances of ending the game seemed to be slipping. But with under a minute to go, sophomore Matt Cooke -

who has taken his game to a different level during this post-season run - made a rush down the left hand boards and his shot was saved and pushed to the right hand corner. Senior forward Cole Stone then raced to it and sacrificed his body by taking a hit from Wick Ross, while

still being able to get enough of the puck on his stick to send it back to the right point. There, Nick DiCioccio collected the puck, took a few strides in, and with Matt Cooke moving in front of the net for a screen, No. 4 took a hard wrist shot, with the

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## DiCioccio's heroics pushes Redmen to Division 2 State Championship

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FRAMINGHAM - Mark Petti holds the distinction of scoring the biggest goal in Tewksbury High School Hockey history.

Now he has company.

Monday night's double-overtime game winner by Nick DiCioccio may not put him at the head of the table like Petti, but he certainly has a seat at it.

The junior defenseman sent a hard wrist shot to the top right hand corner giving the No. 1 seed Redmen, a thrilling 4-3 win over No. 5 Duxbury in the Division 2 state semi-final game played at the Loring Arena.

His goal, coming 43 seconds away from a possible shoot-out scenario, pushed the Redmen to the state final to be played Sunday against the winner of Gloucester/Canton.

"(Getting to the Garden) has obviously been the number one thing that we have been looking to do all year," said DiCioccio. "I am just so excited right now, it's just crazy. This has been our goal all year and we did it."

With 4:20 to go in the second overtime, Duxbury was called for a major boarding penalty, giving

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## In rematch, No. 1 Redmen to face No. 3 Canton, Sunday, TD Garden, Time, TBA

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Back in 2019, no one expected Tewksbury to reach the state final.

This year, the expectation was there. And now it's just a few days away from becoming a reality.

This Sunday, the No. 1 seed Redmen will make their second appearance in the Division 2 state final to be played at the TD Garden (time not announced as of presstime) and fourth in program history, winning titles in 1995 and 2011, before losing in 2019.

That 6-2 loss back in March of 2019 came to the hands of the Canton Bulldogs, who made quick work of the very young Redmen team and went on its way of becoming one of five teams to finish a season without a loss.

Seven members of the current Redmen team were on the Garden ice when the Bulldogs celebrated and certainly don't want to go through those same terrible feelings.

While they don't want that to happen, the Bulldogs also don't want a repeat of the feelings they had just two years ago. After beating Tewksbury in '19, they were slated to defend their title with a match-up against Redmen rival Lincoln-Sudbury, but COVID-19 cancelled the game and the two teams were crowned co-champions.

"It's a redemption game," said Canton forward Sean Connolly to the Boston Herald minutes after he scored two goals in the team's 6-2 state semi-final win over No. 2 seed Gloucester on Tuesday night. "It means the world. I remember sitting in the classroom in (2020) all of

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Tewksbury High senior captain Jason Cooke is all pumped after he scored a goal during the team's first playoff win against Melrose held earlier in the tournament. Cooke and company will be heading to the TD Garden this Sunday to take on Canton. (photo by Bob DeChiara).



# Tewksbury Redmen are heading back to the Garden

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glove side and into the back of the net, allowing the Redmen players to pile on top of Connors and DiCioccio in a celebration frenzy.

"I was exhausted but I just remember the shot," said DiCioccio. "Someone passed it up to me on the point and I saw someone screening in front, so I just ripped it high, a hard shot and it went in. I'll remember this shot for the rest of my life, for sure. Forever. That's something."

Before that game-winner, the Tewksbury players were completely exhausted and seemed to be pressing. Head coach Derek Doherty threw his hands up in the air at one point, wondering why the Redmen were not generating enough chances with so much open ice on the man-advantage.

"We practice our power play a lot. We practice that scenario a lot, on how to set up and we were able to execute on it," said Connors. "We were definitely trying to make too many nice passes instead of just putting the puck on net. Towards the end when

you get more tired, you just get the puck and you just shoot it. That's how Nick did it, how he put it home."

To get to the state semifinals, Tewksbury first beat Silver Lake Regional last Friday night at home, in a game that featured 116 penalty minutes and seven game misconducts. This game didn't have any game misconducts, but had a lot of penalties and again questionable calls. Five of the seven goals came on power plays, including all three from the Dragons. Their third one, came with 57 seconds left in regulation as Tyler Waiser took a shot from the point which was saved by O'Keefe, before Dan Bird fought off a crowd in front to drive the rebound home.

"It's very demoralizing having that penalty called on us and them scoring a goal to tie the game up, but if you let them take all of the momentum, they are going to win that game," said Connors. "It's all about keeping your heads up and keeping the energy going. They only tied it so it was the next

goal that would win it."

The scoring frenzy once again started early in the game. Just like he did against Silver Lake, Matthew Cooke struck early. Just 2:19 into the game, while on a 4-on-4 situation, Connors gave a beautiful pass across to the far post to Cooke, who fired the puck home for his 17th goal of the season.

Just 3:12 later, Tewksbury went up 2-0, scoring a power-play goal. DiCioccio was inside the Duxbury end, along the right boards, and slid a pass over to the high slot area where Jeremy Insogna one-timed the slap shot to the back of the net.

Thirty-nine seconds later, the Redmen were called for a penalty. Then 1:22 into it, the Green Dragons struck as Aidan Harrington came down the left wing, and from the left dot area, he rifled a wrist shot just inside the left hand post to cut the deficit in half at 2-1.

O'Keefe kept it that way making a big save on a 2-on-1 break and then the Redmen killed off a penalty coming

with 32 seconds left in the period, before transferring over to the start of the second.

A few minutes after that, the Redmen went back up by two goals. DiCioccio put on a clinic, taking the puck coast-to-coast, shifting around a few Duxbury players, before he unleashed his own bullet wrist shot from the left circle, and that also landed inside the near post, making it 3-1 with 11:58 left in the second.

With 9:09 left, Tewksbury was called for a five-minute major boarding call, and that quickly led to a Duxbury goal as Brendan Bonner put a wrist shot, through a screen, to the top corner.

The Green Dragons kept that momentum up, as O'Keefe made a number of big saves down the stretch, one coming by his feet off the stick of Connor O'Connell intight and another on a great right pad stop off the stick of Walser on the tail end of a 2-on-1 break.

The third period was extremely fast-paced. After Connors showed off his Zdeno Chara type reach, intercepting a pass outside the

Duxbury blue line and moving inside the zone and putting a quick wrist shot on net, the teams went 6:14 without a whistle, an incredible stretch of high school hockey.

Tewksbury continued the momentum as Matt Cooke was denied on two consecutive shots coming on a 2-on-1 break, the first off the body and the second off Mazanec's legs. Senior Aaron Connolly followed with his own chance, coming off the left wall, patiently skating around the defenseman who flopped to the ice, and putting a shot on that Mazanac had to completely sprawl out to stop.

The score remained 3-2 and Duxbury pulled Mazanac for the extra skated with 1:30 to go. Thirty-three seconds later, Tewksbury was called for a penalty, and Duxbury converted on the 6-on-4 situation, which sent the game into the two extremely tough, physical and grinding overtime periods.

"(Those two overtime periods were) tough. I think our guys have a lot of skill, they play hard and they have been doing it all year," said Doherty, whose daughter Marissa

once again did a beautiful job singing the National Anthem. "Benny once again stopping the puck at the right times during the course of the game (was the difference). We were able to transition off of that and go on the offense."

"It was an exciting game and it is loud in here. It is loud in here. You try to yell and you can't hear yourself. It was a great atmosphere. Both teams traveled well. They're a good team. They play very good position (hockey). They take things away from you, they take the middle away from you."

Duxbury may have taken a few things away from Tewksbury on this game, but didn't take away the win.

"We have seven kids who were freshmen and played on the team that lost in the Garden (back in 2019) when we lost to Canton, so it's been kind of in the back of our minds that we want to get there again," said Doherty. "These guys have been working hard all year long and have been playing tough. I'm pretty proud of them tonight."

## DiCioccio's game winner lifts Redmen to Division 2 State Championship

FROM B1T

Tewksbury a 4-on-3 advantage. After several bids were denied, the Redmen were finally able to execute on the power play coming with under a minute to go. Sophomore Matt Cooke made a rush down the left hand boards and his shot was saved and pushed to the right hand corner. Senior forward Cole Stone then raced to it and sacrificed his body by taking a hit from Wick Ross, while still being able to get enough of the puck on his stick to send it back to the right point. There, DiCioccio collected the puck, took a few strides in, and with Cooke moving in front of the net for a screen, No. 4 took a hard wrist shot, landing over the glove side and into the back of the net for the biggest and most memorable goal of his life.

"I was exhausted but I just remember the shot,"

said DiCioccio. "Someone passed it up to me on the point and I saw someone screening in front, so I just ripped it high, a hard shot and it went in. I'll remember this shot for the rest of my life, for sure. Forever. That's something."

Earlier in the game, during the past-paced first period, DiCioccio scored his eighth goal of the season on a pretty display of going coast-to-coast past several Duxbury defenders before sending a hard wrist shot to the inside corner. The two goals on the night gives him nine on the season.

"Nick played great tonight. Obviously he had two goals and two big ones for us, especially the last one," said head coach Derek Doherty. "(Nick) and Caden lugged a ton of ice time. We went with three defensemen a lot tonight. (Duxbury) was a

little tricky breaking out (of their zone)," said Doherty. "They were sending a guy out wide, also sending one through the middle, so we had to be really careful so with the younger kids, sometimes it's tough. We needed the bigger bodies out there and the guys who have been around for a long time. All three of those guys (DiCioccio, Connors and Justin Rooney) played tough."

For Nick - and his pals - he said no matter how exhausted they all were, nothing was keeping them away from getting a win.

"We just kept going. We weren't going to stop. We needed to win that game and we weren't going to stop. We had to finish it." That, he did.



Tewksbury High junior defenseman Nick DiCioccio, shown here during an earlier season playoff win, provided the dramatics on Monday with the game winning goal coming in double-overtime. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

## No. 1 Redmen to face No. 3 Canton in a rematch on Sunday

FROM B6W

us balling our eyes out. To get a chance to go right back at it, I can't wait. We all can't wait."

And neither can the Redmen. "We have seven kids who were freshmen and played on the team that lost in the Garden (back in 2019) when we lost to Canton, so it's been kind of in the back of our minds that we want to get there again," said Redmen head coach Derek Doherty. "These guys have been working hard all year long and have been playing tough."

Both Tewksbury and Canton are pretty similar in terms of numbers. The Redmen will enter the game with a 21-2 record, winners of eight in a row. On the season, Tewksbury has outscored opponents 108-30.

Canton will enter the game with a 22-2-1 record and have outscored opponents 113-33. After going 0-2-1 to start the season, the Bulldogs - winners of 34 league titles - have won 20 straight games, including big regular season ones over Reading, Natick and Newburyport, and then in the tournament over No. 30 seed Plymouth South (3-0), No. 14 seed Plymouth North (4-1), No. 6 seed Walpole (3-2 in OT) and then No. 2 Gloucester (6-3). In that win, they scored four goals in the first five minutes and were up 6-0 at one point.

"Canton's a very solid team. They are very disciplined and play good defense," said Doherty. "They are very well coached. They started the season slow, but have established themselves as one of the top teams in the state."

In the last Boston Globe Poll, Canton was ranked No. 11 in the entire state with Tewksbury right behind at No. 12.

In terms of common opponents, there's two. In the first game of the year, Canton was defeated by Lincoln-Sudbury, 5-4, and the Redmen beat them twice, 5-1 and 3-2. Canton also defeated Boston Latin, 6-2 back on February 22nd and Tewksbury defeated the Wolfpack twice in a week's span, 2-0 and 5-0, the latter coming seven days before Canton got them.

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Redmen defeated Silver Lake Regional in penalty-filled quarterfinal contest

# The correct call: A Tewksbury Victory

By JAMIE POTE  
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TEWKSBURY - If we want to use hyperbole, we can say that Friday night's game resembled a scene out of 'Slapshot,' with the Hanson Brothers causing havoc on the ice.

Certainly the match-up between Tewksbury and Silver Lake Regional (out of Kingston, Mass) wasn't anything like that classic movie scene. For a state quarterfinal game to take 2.5 hours with 25 penalties, seven game misconducts and 116 penalty minutes, it's easy to then compare it to a slapstick comedy, instead of a high school hockey game.

Aside from all of the penalties and foolishness on the ice and from the zebras, Tewksbury sophomore forward Matt Cooke scored two goals, including his first coming just 21 seconds into the game to ignite the No. 1 seed Redmen past the No. 9 seed Silver Lake, 4-1 held before 1,000 spectators at the Breakaway Ice Center.

The win pushed Tewksbury (20-2) to Monday's state semifinal game against Duxbury and it ended the Lakers' season with their overall record of 18-6.

Tewksbury High coach Derek Doherty was asked after the win what he thought of the penalty-filled game.

"This was as we called it 'A Gong Show'. It was just very undisciplined. (Silver Lake) had kids standing in front of our bench, they had kids butt-ending (our players) in the head," he said. "They (the Tewksbury players) are kids, so after a while (something is going to happen). We try to tell our kids to skate away, but you can only take so much. They had a kid who butt-ended four kids on our bench and



During the TMHS Boys Hockey team's first round win over Melrose, above, Tyler Barnes and Below his linemate Matthew Cooke get into the action of play.



Also in the act of the first round win includes Jason Cooke above and his linemate Aaron Connelly below.



"That goal set the entire game. I think that's when (Silver Lake) was like 'what the heck just happened here'. We played well when we game was being played except for when the penalties came," said Doherty. "I was yelling at some of our kids for the penalties they took and it was like 'hey guys, we have a good team here, so let's stay focused and disciplined and play the game. Let's finish this off'. I think that was the longest game in history (of high school sports)."

A few minutes later, Tewksbury was called for a penalty and right at the tail end of killing it off, junior goalie Ben O'Keefe made three straight saves, all with his legs to keep the lead intact. That followed with another save, which ricocheted off the top part of his glove coming off a 2-on-1 break.

With 6:16 left in the period, the Lakers were called for a penalty and Tewksbury converted on its first of two power play tallies. Jason Cooke took a shot and the rebound came out to Tyler Barnes, who put his shot over the glove hand for what ended up to be the game-winner.

Just 18 seconds later, Silver Lake was called for another penalty and just before it expired, Tewksbury scored again. In a big scurry in front of the net, which included the Lakers' goalie losing some equipment, Matt Cooke fired home a shot to the empty net with an assist going to Big Brother Jason.

That gave Tewksbury a 3-0 lead and at that time, and up to that point of the game - 3:56 left in the first - Silver Lake couldn't generate much of anything, having a real hard time getting through the neutral zone and into the Redmen's end.

"We play a very good defensive neutral zone (system). We cover all three lanes and our defensemen are back there in case the puck gets through (the neutral zone)," said Doherty. "You have Caden and (Nick) DiCioccio, Rooney and whoever else is back there, and they will step up, take the puck and pass it off. We try to keep it simple in the neutral zone, but it does create a lot of good turnovers and a lot of scoring opportunities for us."

After that third goal, the Lakers did find some open seams. Mark Kelleher took a long pass off the right wing boards and slipped behind the Redmen defenseman but he was denied with a nice blocker save by O'Keefe.

Immediately after that, SL came down on a 3-on-2 break and Brandon Cavicchi's quick wrist shot from the left dot was also turned away by O'Keefe.

The score remained 3-0 and at the 5:06 mark of the second, a shot from Aaron Connelly snuck through the pads of the SL goalie and Jason Cooke was the right side of the net and poked it home, but the apparent goal was waved off saying it never went in the net (when it clearly did).

Shortly after that came the first of many scrums - this one the first of the misconducts - and shortly after that, again on the power play, Tewksbury struck as Sean Lane made it 4-0 on an assist from Connelly.

The score remained that way until Silver lake scored with 2:57 left in the game, but before that O'Keefe was tremendous, making a handful of big saves.

then he did it again. I said something to their coach and he said, 'the referees let this game get out of hand' and I said, 'not really'. It was a mixture of everything. Our guys are physical, we play physical and that's our style. We have some skill and we play physical. Teams don't like that. They don't like playing that way. That's a perfect example. All of a sudden you see sticks going and slashes. It's not good. I'm glad that we got through the game."

The seven players who were sent to the locker room (4 from Silver Lake and 3 from Tewksbury) were all given game misconducts, meaning no suspensions. There were also four major penalties called, and 13 minor penalties as well. The second period took 45 minutes to play with ten of the infractions coming in the 15-minute frame.

"The referee said that he was going to give out two, five and ten-minute penalties. That's not hockey. Are you are going to do that if you are a referee in Hockey East? No, of course not because you would get fired. Those guys are good officials, typically they are good officials," said Doherty. "I just think when they say 'we are going to give everyone ten or two-minute penalties, that's not how you do it. That's a cop out.'"

On the first shift of the game, Tewksbury scored as Caden Connors took a shot from the right point which was saved. The rebound went out to Matt Cooke, who from the left circle, spun around and put a quick wrist shot to the back of the net.





## Tewksbury Police Log

### Female party arrested on drug possession

Monday, March 7

10 a.m. - A 911 caller at Market Basket Warehouse where an employee reported a male customer caused a disturbance in the lobby. Police sent and officer filed a report.

1:08 p.m. - Police reported at Ames Hill Drive, a male was served a no trespassing notice for incident. Police sent and filed a report.

1:29 p.m. - A 911 caller reported she was walking at Regina South Drive and was being followed by a black Jeep occupied by two males wearing neon shirts. Police sent. They spoke with parties involved. It was a misunderstanding; those parties were contractors working at Regina South Drive and they were looking for a house.

2:23 p.m. - Caller from the front desk advised that there was a female guest in room 102 refusing to leave at Motel 6. Police sent. Ambulance sent for alcohol and off to the hospital. Officer filed a report.

5 p.m. - A 911 call for a male party's attempting to break into room 102 at Motel 6. Police sent. The male took off running. Ambulance in route for alcohol. Male subject has been banned from Motel 6. The ambulance transported to Saints Hospital.

Tuesday, March 8

9:54 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a male party causing a disturbance over a prescription at Circle K. Male left in an unknown direction and employee would like to speak with an officer. Police sent. They advised the male left the area in a dark colored town car. The police searched the surrounding areas.

4:30 p.m. - Call for an erratic driver at the Old Stage Coach Road and Shawsheen Street. Police sent. Caller reported the vehicle was a grey Toyota Corolla. They reported gone on arrival.

9:20 p.m. - A 911 call from the Navillus Road for a car that drove down the road knocking over trash

cans. Police sent. It was possibly a white pickup truck or large SUV. Officer filed a report.

10:37 p.m. - A 911 call from the Wamesit Lanes for a fight that was occurring. Caller reported approximately 10 people were fighting, and there were no weapons involved. Police sent and filed a report.

Wednesday, March 9

7:31 a.m. - Call from Kennedy Road for damaged mail box. Police sent. Damage to property. Officer filed a report.

1 p.m. - Police sent to take a lobby report on Main Street. Caller stated she was receiving threatening phone calls. Officer filed a report.

3:04 p.m. - Male stole an item from Walmart then attempted to return the item. The white male was described as heavy set, a blue/gray jacket and walking towards the bank and then to the Motel 6. Police sent. Mark Lee, 42, of 257 Broadway St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged

with third offense of shoplifting by asportation, and a fugitive from justice on court warrant.

Thursday, March 10

9:32 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious black vehicle that parks in front of her house everyday at Wayside Road. Police sent. Vehicle checked out and they are familiar with the vehicle.

10:32 a.m. - Caller reported damage to front end loader with a plow that was parked behind the building at St. Williams Church and Parish Center. Police sent and officer filed a report.

4:22 p.m. - Caller reported a person walked down the road and almost stepped out into traffic. Police sent. No pedestrian in the area.

9:59 p.m. - Police out at Bay 4 Motorsports checking on a suspicious vehicle. The operator was a customer business and retrieved something from her vehicle.

Friday, March 11

1:12 a.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer about a possible suspicious activity at Ames Pond Drive earlier in the evening. Caller was connected to detectives to leave a message. Police filed a report.

5:29 p.m. - Party in the lobby looked to speak with an officer about an ongoing issue with property management at Ames Hill. Police sent. They spoke with the party and gave advice; she would be going to civil court on Monday.

11:59 p.m. - A 911 call for a single car motor vehicle accident into a guard rail, airbag deployed, unknown injuries at North Street. Police and ambulance sent. Charles Cronis, 51, of 92 Quail Run in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

Saturday, March 12

1:56 p.m. - Police returned from Home Depot with a female under arrest. Karissa Scruggs, 30, of 11 Nevada St. in Nashua, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with a warrant, trafficking in more than 10 grams of fen-

tanyl, larceny over \$1,200, and possess burglarious instrument.

1:37 p.m. - Police out at Brown Street reported that a motor vehicle truck and door were open. Police made contact with the homeowner who stated that it was an oversight and secured the vehicle.

Sunday, March 13

9:09 a.m. - Received call from security guard at Autofair Mission stated there was a gentleman in a Ford blue pickup truck sleeping behind the property refusing to leave. Police sent and they spoke with the male party. He would be on his way.

6:26 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a customer was refusing to leave the drive thru window at Burger King. Police sent. They reported it was a civil dispute and they facilitated a resolution. Officer filed a report.

7:11 p.m. - Caller requested a well-being check on a female at Holiday Inn. Caller reported she assisted the party with walking to her room and she appeared extremely intoxicated. Police sent and filed a report.



## Wilmington Police Log

### More issues reported with railroad gates on Glen Road

Friday, March 4:

6:30 p.m.: A caller reported that the railroad gates on Glen Road were flashing as traffic backed up, with a second caller stating that the lights and gates had been down for eight minutes. MBTA and Keolis were notified and arrived on scene, while work being done on the tracks on Concord Street was suggested as a cause. Transit Police later took over the scene.

7:44 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Nichols Street between a vehicle and a pedestrian. Injuries were unknown as a caller revealed that the incident had spun out from a sale issue regarding tow trucks, after which the party tried to attack them.

8:30 p.m.: Patrick T. Duval of 234 Nesmith St., Apartment #5 in Lowell was arrested for Threatening to Commit a Crime and Disorderly Conduct. This followed a report

from a caller at Richdale on Middlesex Avenue who stated that an intoxicated male was harassing and threatening her.

Saturday, March 5:

10:08 a.m.: Michael R. Loomis of 21 Old Farm Road in Salem, New Hampshire was arrested for Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a License Revoked for OUI, Use of an Electronic Device While Operating a Motor Vehicle (1st Offense), and Failure to Wear a Seat Belt. The party's red 2018 GMC Sierra 1500 was stopped on Lowell Street and they were later bailed.

4:44 p.m.: Jason Kenneth January of 18 Hillcrest St. was issued a summons for Assault and Battery on a Disabled or Over 60 Party. This followed a call from an employee at T-Mobile on Main Street who reported that an intoxicated party was wandering the plaza and giving people a hard time.

8:28 p.m.: A caller at Speedway on Main Street reported that they went to get gas at the pump, but that it would not work. After this, they went inside and the employee had them insert their card three times, after which they noticed their bank account was empty.

Sunday, March 6:

6:50 a.m.: A caller on Salem Street reported that the door to the electrical panel on the back of the railroad gate was open. Keolis was notified.

8:59 a.m.: Reading Police reported that a gray 2014 Ford F-150 was driving erratically with a child in the back bed and heading towards Wilmington. Police found the vehicle in the driveway of a residence and informed their Reading counterparts.

11:32 a.m.: A caller on Burlington Avenue reported that a disgruntled former employee was at his

home and threatening him verbally. The employee then left in a white 2019 Ford Transit, after which they were stopped nearby and revealed the disagreement was over a business transaction. Police advised them to not contact the caller or their family at their residence.

Monday, March 7:

1:33 p.m.: James Paquette of 12 Culver St., Apartment #60 in Plaistow, New Hampshire was arrested for Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License and Warrant All Others. The party's white 2015 Audi A4 was towed and its plates confiscated.

10:34 p.m.: A caller on Atlantic Avenue reported that a tree came down on their red 2013 Toyota Scion and gray 2011 Subaru Legacy and the corner of the house, blowing out several windows. The DPW and Reading Light were notified, as the tree was blocking the roadway.

11:33 p.m.: Fabiano G. Vilaca of 83 Butters Row was taken into protective custody after a call from a resident on Butters Row who reported that her son was trying to fight before having chest pains. Both parties were advised of their rights under a 209A restraining order.

Tuesday, March 8:

7:49 a.m.: A caller on Shawsheen Avenue reported a tree down in the road with a wire which was not sparking, arching, or causing any local outages. Police arrived on scene and identified the wires as cable wires, handling the removal and notifying residents' cable providers. DPW was also contacted to handle a large branch blocking the sidewalk.

10:38 a.m.: Wires were reported down on Suncrest Avenue and West Street, causing a brush fire on a lawn about 20 feet from houses. Reading Light was notified and residents were instructed to get outside. Eventually, the fire was extinguished, power restored, and the road cleared.

6:04 p.m.: A red 2021 Hon-

da Pilot struck a dog on High Street, staying on scene with the owner. Police spoke with the owner before leaving the scene.

Wednesday, March 9:

7:16 a.m.: A resident on Grove Avenue reported that an unwanted female party was sitting on their front porch, leaving behind a purse before police arrived. The caller did not seek to press charges, but did request a well-being check. The female party came to the station to retrieve the purse and was informed of a no trespass order, being subject to arrest if she violated it.

5:38 p.m.: A caller reported that his wife, who was at home on Lieutenant Buck Drive, told him that a gray 2021 Ford Transit Amazon truck had become stuck in the grass of the driveway and the driver was being rude. Amazon called a crew and another truck to the scene to remove the vehicle, while Cain's was also notified. The truck was towed away without damage, but there was damage to the property.

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In making this announcement, Martha Gaffney, President of the Strongwater Farm Board of Directors stated, "Strongwater Farm would not be here today without the philanthropic commitment from our community. Nancy and Richard Donahue have supported so many through the years and we are pleased to honor Nancy on the 30th anniversary of the Nancy

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Jacqueline Moloney, E.D.D., Chancellor, UMass Lowell and Honorary Garden Party Chair commented, "Nancy Donahue is a local treasure. The generosity she continues to show, along with charity she started with her late husband, Richard, continue to change lives. Their legacy is evident throughout our community. Just on the UMass Lowell campus, the Donahue Center for Business Ethics and Social Responsibility is teaching future leaders the value of doing well while doing good. This is a reflection of the Donahues' passion for moral, ethically responsible leadership. I am so thankful for Nancy's continued friendship and support."

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A8049, Moonlight Blue Met., 22K miles

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A8027A, Florett Silver Metallic, 40K miles

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**\$41,798**
**2017 Lexus RX 450h**

 Matador Red Mica • 58K miles  
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**\$36,898**
**2019 Jeep Cherokee Limited**

 Diamond Black • 49K miles  
 #A7943A  
**\$26,998**
**2020 Mercedes-Benz GLE 450**

 Black • 18K miles  
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**\$63,398**
**2019 Lexus RX 350**

 Eminent White Pearl • 33K miles  
 #N062336A  
**\$40,898**
**2019 Audi A6 Prestige**

 Firmament Blue Met. • 28K miles  
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**\$56,998**
**2019 Subaru Crosstrek Ltd.**

 Crystal Black Silica • 35K miles  
 #A7533A  
**\$28,898**

2015 Audi Q7 3.0T S Line \$26,998

A8060, Prestige, Night Black, 75K miles

2021 Audi S5 Coupe Prestige \$67,998

A8063, Mythos Black Metallic, 6K miles

2019 Toyota Avalon XLE \$29,998

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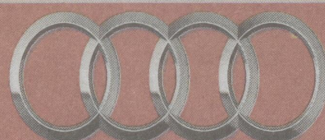
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## Shawsheen announces semester 1 seniors of the month

**BILLERICA** — The “Senior of the Month” program at Shawsheen Valley Technical High School has resumed after being sidelined due to the pandemic. The initiative has been a tradition at Shawsheen for many years and has been a positive and rewarding program for seniors.

The Senior of the Month program enables faculty a means to honor students during their senior year. From the monthly winners, one senior will be selected as the “Senior of the Year,” which includes a scholarship sponsored by The Billerica Lodge of Elks.

The Senior of the Month program selects one male and one female senior student every month based on a variety of criteria. Criteria includes evaluation of character, leadership, citizenship, service to school & community, scholastic achievement, and vocational competencies. Students are recognized for their accomplishments to their class as well as Shawsheen Tech, and are chosen with optimism that they will be outstanding alumni and members to the community after graduation.

The seniors selected during the fall semester are

listed below.

**KEVIN STEVENS** is an electrical student from Wilmington and is the male senior of the month winner for October. Kevin is in Honor Society and has competed on behalf of Shawsheen in SkillsUSA competitions. He is on the soccer, swimming, and track teams. Kevin is an orientation leader at Shawsheen, a youth group leader, and is an Eagle Scout candidate. Kevin participates in the cooperative education program and is placed at Comeau Electric. Upon graduation he plans to continue his education through post-secondary programming to become a master electrician.

**KASEY MCFADDEN** is the female student of the month winner for October. She is a Tewksbury resident and studies Dental Assisting at Shawsheen. Kasey is in Honor Society and has held class office all four years; she is currently serving as Class President. Kasey has been a 4-year varsity athlete for both volleyball and swimming, and she is actively involved in her community. Kasey qualified for Shawsheen's cooperative education program and is placed

at RIM Associates. She plans to attend college to pursue a career in nursing after graduation.

**VICTOR LAM**, a Burlington resident, is the male senior of the month for November. He studies Office Technology and Marketing at Shawsheen and participates in the cooperative education program with placement at Tonneson & Company. Victor is in Honor Society and runs in both cross country and track. He participates in many school activities and has worked for the Billerica Food Pantry. After graduation, Victor plans to attend college to study Data Analytics.

**GABRIELLA ORTIZ** is the female senior of the month for November. She is a resident of Tewksbury and is in Shawsheen's Dental Assisting program. Gabriella is in Honor Society and has held class office for four years. She is a tri-sport athlete that plays soccer, volleyball, and lacrosse, and is Shawsheen's first National SkillsUSA medalist to place in Dental Assisting (2021). Gabriella works for The Perico Group as part of Shawsheen's cooperative education program, and she plans to continue her education at a university to pursue Biology of Dental Hygiene.

**JOHN ZEMBECK** is a culinary student from Burlington, and he is the male senior of the month for December. He is in Honor Society and has been a competitor in SkillsUSA for three years. John runs cross country, is on the swim team, and plays tennis. As a cooperative edu-

cation qualifier, he continues his education bi-weekly at Benchmark Senior Living. John plans to continue to work for Benchmark after he graduates and continue in the field of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management.

**LEE SINGER** is a Burlington resident in the medical assisting program at Shawsheen; she is the female senior of the month winner for December. Lee has held class office for four years, is in National Honor Society, and has volunteered for Relay for Life and Special Olympics. Lee is a tri-sport athlete who plays volleyball, swimming, and lacrosse. She currently works for Countryside Vet Hospital as part of the cooperative education program, and after graduation, Lee will attend college to pursue nursing.

**CONNOR HALKO** is a resident of Billerica and is in the graphics communications program at Shawsheen Tech; he is the male senior of the month for January. Connor was instrumental in the graphic design work for the fall 2021 project “Fenway at Shawsheen,” and was featured on Channel 10 Boston for his work. Connor is a polite, hard-working student, and is a top achiever in his vocational program. Connor plans to continue in a career as a graphic designer after graduation.

**DEVIN SWEENEY** is a medical assisting student at Shawsheen who resides in Burlington. Devin is the female senior of the month for January. She has held class office for four years, is in Honor Society, and has volun-



▲ Shawsheen Valley Technical High School semester 1 seniors of the month: (back, from left) Victor Lam, Kevin Stevens, John Zembeck, Connor Halko, (front, from left) Kasey McFadden, Gabriela Ortiz, Lee Singer, and Devin Sweeney. (Courtesy photo)

teered for the Lowell Homeless Shelter, Relay for Life, and Baystate Marathon. Devin has competed in Skills USA, and is on the cross country, lacrosse, and volleyball teams. She participates in the cooperative education program with placement at RIM Associates, and plans to attend college for Exercise Science/Physical Therapy after graduation.

### About Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational School District

Established in 1965, Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District (SVRVTS) is a student-centered public institution serving the five member towns of Billerica, Bedford, Burlington, Tewksbury, and Wilmington. Shawsheen Valley Technical High School serves more than 1,300 students in grades 9-12 and is “Dedicated to Excellence in Education”, integrating academics with more than 20-vocational-technical career pathways.

Shawsheen is located in Billerica on a sprawling 100-

acre campus. The school building features state-of-the-art facilities and athletic fields, 24 varsity sports, and dozens of extra-curricular clubs and activities. All of Shawsheen's faculty and staff are committed to the mission “to provide a positive learning experience in a safe educational environment that encourages all students to reach their full potential, emphasizes the value of a strong work ethic, and prepares them for adult life in a competitive world.”

Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District also provides high-quality educational programming for youths and adults through Adult Education, Afterschool Exploratory Programs, Community Events, and Summer Camps and Enrichment Programs. Shawsheen is consistently working to increase its rich and varied programming opportunities for the community, which supports its mission that education is a lifelong, continuous process with many paths to living a successful and fulfilling life.

## Upcoming local events

**Friday, March 18, 2022** - Friends of the Lawrence Library Book Sale, Fitzpatrick Collaborative, 45 Main St., Pepperell. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Face masks required.

**Friday, March 18, 2022** - Jack Kerouac Exhibit including the On the Road scroll — Boott Mills, 115 John St., Lowell. Free. [www.jackkerouac.com](http://www.jackkerouac.com)

**Saturday, March 19 & Sunday, March 20, 2022** - Castleberry Spring Craft Fair, at the Shriner's Auditorium, 99 Fordham

**Road in Wilmington**  
**Sunday, March 20, 2022** - Family Fun Day, Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler St., 12 - 4 p.m. \$5 per person/\$20 per family. Games, activities, food.

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022** - Bargain movies at O'Neill Cinema Littleton at the Point and De Lux Cinema Lowell all day.

**Friday, March 25, 2022** - Lowell Chili and Stew Contest, Mill No. 5, \$5 per person suggested donation. Mill No. 5 Jackson Street, Lowell.

### LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **March 23, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street**, for a RDA application filed by Paola Richard for the installation of an above-ground pool. The proposed work is within the buffer zone of wetlands.

The property subject to this application is located at **18 Doherty Way, Assessor Map 9 Lot 82**.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org)

Joe Fontaine  
Conservation Agent/Planner  
220300 3/16/22

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**Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **March 23, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street**, for a RDA application filed by Julie Taggart for the replacement of a deck. The proposed work is within Riverfront Area and within the wetland buffer zone.

The property subject to this application is located at **7 Heath Street, Assessor Map 68 Lot 25**.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org)

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### LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **March 23, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street** for a NOI application filed by Civil Design Consultants, Inc. on behalf of Arnie Martel for the construction of a single-family dwelling on a vacant lot. The proposed work is within the buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands and a certified vernal pool.

The property subject to this application is located at **70 Frasier Lane, Assessor's Map 25, Lot 86**.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org)

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### LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY**

Notice is hereby given that the Select Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. on the application of the Bourque Family Foundation for a One-Day Entertainment License on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. for use of amplification system, live music, and dancing by patrons on premises located at 20 Carter Street, Tewksbury, MA. The hearing will be held in the Select Board's meeting room, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA.

Input is welcome from the public. The Select Board recommends that comments be submitted in writing, to the Select Board, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA, 01876 on or before noon time Friday, March 25, 2022.

Jay Kelly  
Chairman  
Select Board  
3/16/22

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### LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**MODIFICATION TO SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 28, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **960 Main Street Development, LLC on behalf of John D. Sullivan** for a Modification to SPSP 2017-17 to modify existing site plan to construct a two-story building at the front of the lot with office on the first floor and residential apartments on the second floor as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **940-960 Main Street**, Assessor's Map 47, Lots 76 and 77, zoned Commercial and Town Center Overlay District.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Stephen Johnson, Chairman  
220258 3/9, 16/22

### LEGAL NOTICE



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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)**

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The area subject to this application is along **Frasier Lane**.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org)

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### LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **March 31, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **CJM Builders on behalf of Cheryl Corson**, for a variance under Section 4130, Appendix B, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for acreage and a Special Permit under Section 3630 to demolish and build a new single-family home on a pre-existing non-conforming lot as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **41 Whited Ave** Assessor's Map 25, Lot 52 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org)

Nancy Rego, Chair  
220294 3/16, 23/22

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**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **March 23, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street**, for a RDA Application filed by W Freitag Construction on behalf of Mark & Katy Airolodi for the construction of a two-car garage. The proposed work is within the buffer zone of wetlands.

The property subject to this application is located at **96 Sheridan Lane, Assessor Map 38 Lot 36**.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org)

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Conservation Agent/Planner  
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### LEGAL NOTICE



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Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **March 31, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **John Reitchel & Stephanie Borges c/o Plunkett & Plunkett** under MA General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 8 as a party aggrieved by a decision made by the Building Inspector in a letter dated February 8, 2022 to construct a metal storage shed.

Said property is located at **30 Carter Street**, Assessor's Map 103, Lot 4 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov). Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org)

Nancy Rego, Chair  
220310 3/16, 23/22

### LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY**

**INVITATION TO BID**

**WATER STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PW-22-13**

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Water Street Drainage Improvement project for the Town of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, Contract No. PW-22-13, will be received at the Department of Public Works (DPW) Office located at 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876 until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at which time said Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Due to restrictions of gatherings of large groups as a result of COVID-19, the bid opening will be streamed live via the internet. The YouTube address of the bid opening live stream will be posted to Projectdog by 1:00 P.M. on the date of the opening. All questions should be submitted in writing to the Engineer of Record by 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 17, 2022.

The work includes the installation of approximately 550 feet of new 12-inch HDPE storm drain, two (2) catch basins and four (4) drain manholes. The work shall take place on Water Street, Adelaide Road, Oak Street, South Cross Street and Franklin Street in Tewksbury.

Drawings and other Contract Documents will be available after 2:00 P.M. local time on Thursday, March 3, 2022 by going on [www.projectdog.com](http://www.projectdog.com), entering Project Code 847479 in the project locator box, and following the prompts to a free downloadable bid set. Contact [www.projectdog.com](http://www.projectdog.com) or call 978-499-9014 for distribution questions. No monetary deposit is required to obtain bid documents. Contract documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the Tewksbury DPW Office during the following hours: 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

**BID SECURITIES** shall be in amount of 5% of the bid and in the form of a certified check drawn upon a bank within the State of Massachusetts or a bid bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in Massachusetts, made payable to the **OWNER**.

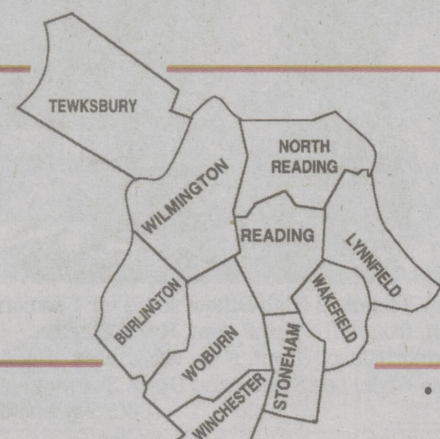
The successful bidder must furnish a 100% **PERFORMANCE**

and **PAYMENT BOND** and will be required to execute the Contract Agreement within five (5) days following notification of the acceptance of his Bid. The **OWNER** reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept any bid, to waive any informality on bids received, and to omit any item or items deemed advisable for the best interests of the **OWNER**. Bids are subject to Massachusetts-M.G.L. Chapter 30-Section 39M and to Massachusetts minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. Chapter 149-Sections 26 to 27D inclusive. The award of the contract is contingent upon the availability and appropriation of funding by the Town. All costs associated with the preparation of the bids shall be the responsibility of the bidder, regardless of whether or not the Contract is awarded.

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**Reading celebrates as MSBA agrees  
 to consider new Killam School project**

By PATRICK BLAIS

School officials in Reading are glad they didn't decide to tackle a projected school space shortage all on their own.

Earlier this month, Reading's leaders broke out into celebration upon learning that the Mass. School Building Authority (MSBA) had agreed to consider contributing funding towards the construction of a new Killam Elementary School by the nexus of Charles and Haverhill Streets.

"This is great news for the Town of Reading," Town Administrator Fidel Maltez stated after word of the MSBA vote reached Town Hall. "We are grateful for the hard work completed on the statement-of-interest and the vote of the MSBA Board of Directors today. Our staff are excited to roll up their sleeves and get working on this crucial project."

Generally, according to MSBA officials, it takes around five to seven years to get through the state agency's multi-year approval process and finish a building project. Given that timeline, town officials are predicting the townspeople would be asked sometime after the summer of 2024 to approve a debt exclusion to fund a new Killam School, which would likely open sometime in 2026 or 2027.

News the state agency will likely explore building options for the half-century old educational facility came just 11 months after the town's School Committee and Select Board agreed to take a shot with the MSBA rather than tackle a proposed \$102 million, two-phased elementary school expansion plan on their own.

During a School Committee gathering last week, Schools' Superintendent Dr. Thomas Milaschewski credited his immediate predecessor and other Town Hall

leaders for patiently exercising that fiscal prudence.

"There's a lot of buzz around this," said the superintendent of the MSBA's vote to invite the Killam project into the agency's eligibility period. "It's just very, very exciting. It's a transformational opportunity not just for the Killam School, but for the whole Reading community. This is something that changes the landscape of education."

Capable of housing around 370 students, the existing Killam School building was first constructed in 1969 and is the only elementary facility in town that has not been rebuilt or renovated over the past 30 years. Due to space constraints, town officials have in recent years added two modular classrooms at the Charles

Street site, which comprises a total of 7.28 acres of land.

Inheriting the Mass. education department's defunct school building assistance program back in 2004, the MSBA now supervises all school rehabilitation and new construction projects that receive state reimbursement dollars. Presently covering roughly 50 percent of new schools' eligible construction costs, the MSBA has since its inception allocated some \$15.6 billion to local and regional school districts for major capital initiatives.

Each year, the MSBA asks school districts interested in pursuing state funding to submit statement-of-interests outlining why a facility is in need of replacement and explaining how construction funding

will address larger instructional and enrollment concerns.

With hundreds of such SOT's submitted every year, Reading's Killam School was just one of 13 districts invited earlier this month by the MSBA's Board of Directors to advance into the funding pipeline.

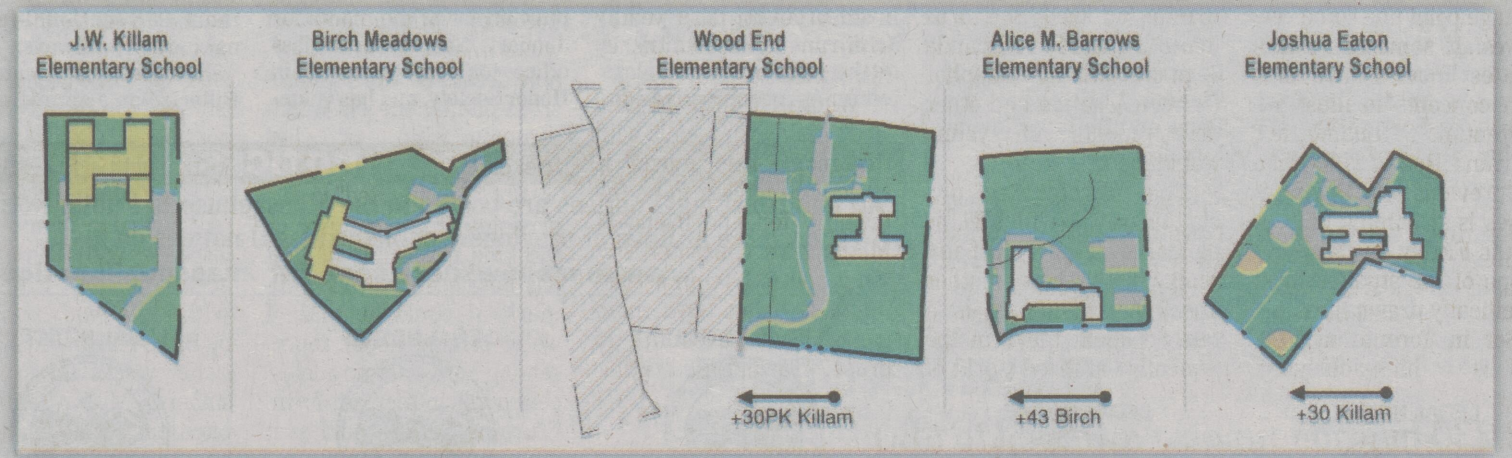
Importantly, the MSBA vote earlier this month is not a guarantee of state reimbursement dollars, but generally, once a project makes it into the eligibility period, school officials can be confident that some type of pledge will be made so long as the community adheres to the state agency's vigorous project review process.

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- House Eaton growth, +150 Pre-K students
- Addition to Birch Meadow school
- Absorbs Barrows growth

- Scheme Cost:
  - \$78 million ECC (Estimated Construction Cost)
  - \$102 million TPC (Total Project Cost)
- Capacity Total: 2,000
- Does address Pre-K



A MULTI-PHASED APPROACH - Danvers' Gienapp Design Associates proposed the above graphic in 2019 to address a classroom space shortage in Reading's elementary schools. Under the capital plan, a new two-story Killam Elementary School would be constructed, while an addition would also be tacked onto the town's existing Birch Meadow Elementary School. To the delight of town officials, the MSBA at the outset of this month agreed to explore the possibility of constructing a new Killam Elementary School.



KILLAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (above) at Charles and Haverhill Streets.

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## Movie Reviews & Box Office News

### Puberty runs amok in Pixar's 'Turning Red'

By JAKE COYLE  
AP Film Writer

For better and worse, "Turning Red" is like no Pixar film before it.

The film, directed by Domee Shi, who made the lovely Oscar-winning short "Bao," is the first Pixar movie directly solely by a woman. Its leadership team, including producers and art departments, is entirely female. And its protagonist, 13-year-old Meilin Lee (voiced by Rosalie Chiang), is a Chinese-Canadian eighth-grader in the throes of puberty.

For Pixar, a factory of childhood whimsy designed to make adults cry, "Turning Red" fills in more than a few blind spots. Not only is the movie deeply rooted in a female and Asian-North American perspective, it wades into a chapter of life unfrequented by Pixar. This is the first film by the studio in which, for example, a sanitary pad is offered. And it's the first — history take note — to feature twerking.

The best thing about "Turning Red" is how it broadens the horizons of the 36-year-old animation powerhouse with a refreshing vantage point and some new moves. If some of Pixar's greatest movies have used high concepts to illustrate existential quandaries, "Turning Red" (which like the previous two Pixar releases is streaming only; it debuts Friday on Disney+) is one of the studio's most specifically drawn films.

Set in Toronto in 2002, Mei is a high-achieving,

straight-A student — in an introductory montage, a teacher describes her as "a very enterprising, mildly annoying young lady" — with a solid, supportive group of friends: Miriam (Ava Morse), Abby (Hyein Park) and Priya (Maitreyi Ramakrishnan). But possibly the most dominant relationship in Mei's life is with her mother (Sandra Oh). She's a domineering but loving parent whose high standards for her daughter have somewhat stifled the anxious Mei. She keeps certain feelings — like the onset of hard-to-control urges, particularly when it comes to a popular boy band named 4-Town — hidden from her mother.

"I do make my own moves," Mei says. "It's just that some of my moves are also hers."

But it's getting harder to keep some of those feelings inside for Mei. Her mother finds a notebook under her bed with swooning drawings of 4-Town, and immediately irrationally blames an older teen boy for being a bad influence. Then one morning, Mei awakens to find the transformation that's been occurring within her has manifested itself: She turns into a big, fluffy red panda — and a walking metaphor for menstruation and other developments of young womanhood.

That "Turning Red" pivots this way — with Mei, as panda, cowering in the bathroom with her mother knocking outside — is a fairly radical move in the typically sanitized world of

studio animation. But Shi, a longtime animator at Pixar, has never been one to shy away from a dramatic plot device. Her "Bao" conceived a mother-son tale in a dumpling-comes-alive allegory that culminated, surprisingly, with the mom eating her dumpling son in a fit of denial over him growing up and leaving home.

"Turning Red" shifts its point of view to the child in such a relationship, but it's likewise about the push-and-pull for the maturing offspring of an overprotective parent. The red panda transformation, which Mei learns she can suppress by moderating her emotions, connects to her heritage, as well.

The Lees live in one of the oldest Chinese temples in Toronto, and that setting is just one way "Turning Red" plays with balancing cultural assimilation with preservation. Mei soon discovers that panda alter-egos run in the family. Her mother, and their other female relatives, have known the same struggles with expression and repression. (Some similar themes about not holding in your feelings were brought more vividly to life another recent Disney hit, "Encanto.")

Where I think "Turning Red" mainly misses is with the mom. The movie is structured for her to be the primary foil and friend of Mei, but her character isn't much more than an assortment of Asian tiger mom tropes. That leaves little to propel "Turning Red" other



**SEEING RED** - This image released by Disney+ shows characters, from left, Priya, voiced by Maitreyi Ramakrishnan, Mei Lee, voiced by Rosalie Chiang, Miriam, voiced by Ava Morse, and Abby, voiced by Hyein Park, in a scene from "Turning Red." (Disney+ via AP)

than the inevitable empowerment of Mei. There are delights along the way: a rooftop skip through Toronto, with a dose of wuxia magic; the rich, lovable design of Mei's Totoro-sized panda; the close-knit companionship of her friends.

But "Turning Red" is surprisingly free of humor or the kind of visual wit that has long been a Pixar hallmark. It could be that, if we're talking about representing hard-to-tame adolescent urges in monster form, "Turning Red" — bold as it may be — can't come close

to matching the messy comic farce of "Big Mouth," the far less family-friendly but much more true-to-life animated series that paired seventh graders with lascivious "hormone monsters." It isn't easy — or maybe even possible — to do puberty justice with a PG rating.

But "Turning Red" does nail one rite of female adolescence with remarkable accuracy: the boy band. With radio-ready pop tunes by Billie Eilish and Finneas (who voices one of the singers), 4-Town is about as pitch perfect as an NSNYC knockoff can be. But just as

good is Mei's mother's cutting critique of them as "glittery delinquents with their ... gyrations." I seriously doubt I will ever listen to my daughters blast BTS without muttering her line to myself.

"Turning Red," a Walt Disney Co. release, is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association of America for thematic material, suggestive content and language. Running time: 100 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four. Follow AP Film Writer Jake Coyle on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/jakecoyleAP>

\$8,230 in grant funding awarded to town

## Burlington Fire Department receives state grant for fire education programs

BURLINGTON — Chief Michael Patterson is pleased to announce that the Burlington Fire Department has been awarded \$8,230 in grant funding to support fire safety and education programs.

The grant from the state Massachusetts Department of Fire Services will support fire prevention and education programs in schools and within Burlington's senior community. The Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) program was awarded \$5,175, while the Senior S.A.F.E. program received \$3,055.

The funding gives fire departments the opportunity to work directly with students and senior citizens to educate them about fire safety. The safety lessons range from fire and life-safety presentations, and what to do if a fire alarm goes off. Each program is tailored to the common issues of each age group including general fire prevention reminders and safe practices in the home.

The lessons taught in the school-based program are in line with the standards of both the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Health Curriculum Frameworks and the state



Department of Fire Services Curriculum Planning Guidebook.

Twenty-six years after the introduction of the S.A.F.E. program within schools, the rate of annual child fire deaths have decreased by 78%, according to the state's Department of Fire Services, which created and runs the program.

To learn more about the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services' S.A.F.E. program, visit [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov) and search Department of Fire Services on the web site.

### School FROM A-B

For Reading officials, who just days after the MSBA vote had already plugged in a draft timeline that estimated a final community vote on a construction budget in the summer or fall of 2024, part of that MSBA process will likely seem quite familiar.

Specifically, over the next 270-days, town officials will be asked to form a Killam School Building Committee, hire a project manager, and submit enrollment data and information on the town's previous capital investments into the 57,000 square foot elementary school.

Once the MSBA approves that paperwork, the town would then move into the agency's so-called feasibility stage, where the community will be asked to consider a number of options for fixing the stated deficiencies within the building.

Besides considering a

combination of renovation and school construction options, the feasibility study must also examine the availability of alternative sites across town for erecting a new building.

Town officials in Reading already commissioned a similar study back in 2018, when funding was approved to hire Gienapp Associates to create an elementary schools master plan that addressed growing school capacity constraints across the community.

At the time, the district had already paid for the installation of new modular classrooms at three of the community's four elementary schools, and central office administrators were also looking for additional space to accommodate the district's growing pre-K and kindergarten programs.

In an initial report first released in the fall of 2019, the Danvers-based architectural firm presented nine different options, with overall price tags that ranged between \$52 million and \$128 million, for alleviating classroom space shortages.

Two of those proposals called for constructing a new Killam Elementary School on the existing Charles Street property.

Ultimately, the district informally sanctioned a plan which calls for the construction of a new two-story elementary school capable of housing between 660 and 725 students. To free up space at other buildings,

around 115-students from across the district would then be redistricted to the new Killam.

Then in phase-two of that approach, the district would build an addition onto the district's Birch Elementary School.

Last April, when the School Committee agreed to submit the Killam SOI to the MSBA, local officials estimated it would cost around \$78 million for the Killam School project and another \$24 million for the Birch Meadow School addition.

During the most recent discussion around the Killam project, School Committee member Charles Robinson worried the community, after appropriating another estimated \$2 million for a new feasibility study, could end up being dropped from the MSBA's funding pipeline.

In response, Susan Bottan, the district's director of finance, assured the committee that such an outcome was highly improbable given the amount of MSBA scrutiny that takes place during the annual SOI application phase.

"That's possible, but very unlikely. The reason they vote [before and after the feasibility study phase] is to keep track of the process. What they like to do is examine and access the depth and breadth of what we're doing," said Bottan. "These are essentially check-in dates, if you'd like to think of that."

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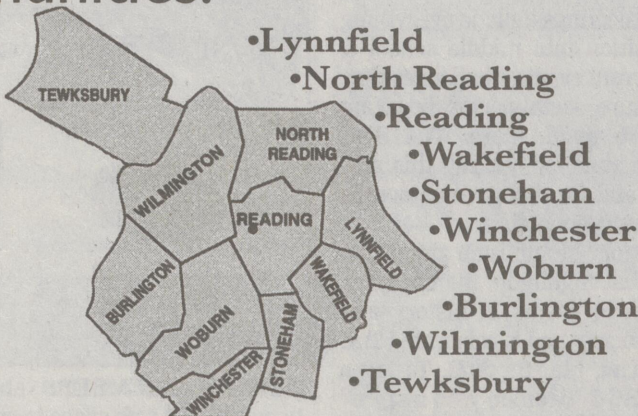
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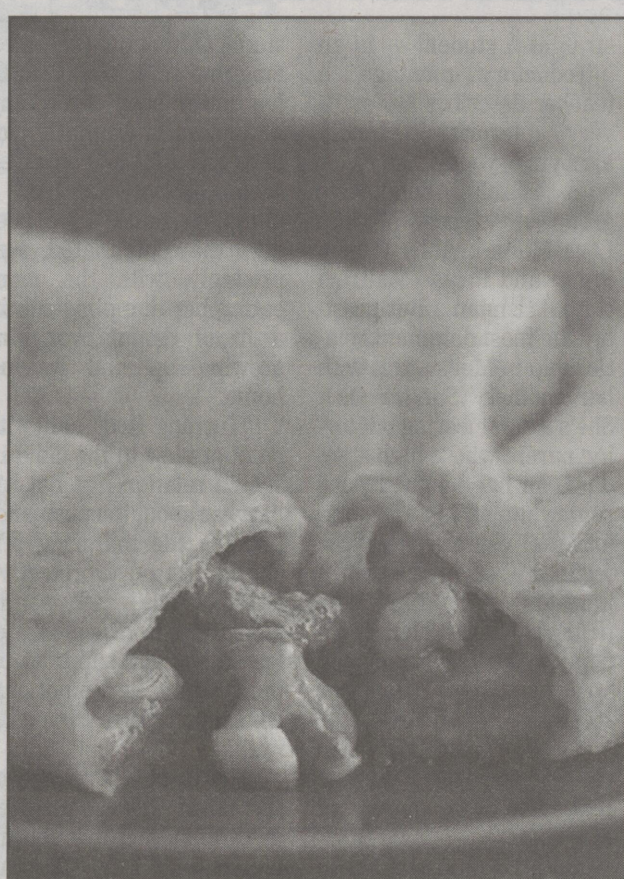
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## BAKED STEAK BURRITOS



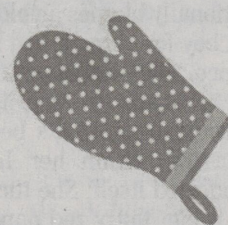
**BUNDLE OF TASTY JOY** - A spicy beef and bean filling is all bundled up in a south-of-the-border burrito.

### STEPS

1. Heat oven to 400°F. In 10-inch skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in taco seasoning mix. Add beef strips; cook 5 to 6 minutes, stirring occasionally, until desired doneness; drain.

2. Meanwhile, place refried beans in microwavable dish. Microwave uncovered on High 2 minutes, stirring once or twice.

3. Spread each tortilla with refried beans to within 1/4 inch of edge. Top each with beef, Cheddar cheese and onions. Roll up, folding



in sides. In ungreased 13x9-inch (3-quart) glass baking dish, place burritos with seam sides down. Pour enchilada sauce over burritos. Sprinkle with Mexican cheese blend.

4. Bake uncovered 7 to 12 minutes or until burritos are thoroughly heated and cheese is melted.

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 package (1 oz) Old El Paso™ taco seasoning mix
- 1 1/2lb beef boneless sirloin tip steak, cut into thin bite-size strips
- 1 can (16 oz) Old El Paso™ refried beans
- 12 Old El Paso™ flour tortillas for soft tacos & fajitas (6 inch; from two 8.2-oz packages)
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (8 oz)
- 3 medium green onions, thinly sliced (3 tablespoons)
- 1 can (10 oz) Old El Paso™ enchilada sauce
- 1 cup shredded Mexican cheese blend (4 oz)

### TIPS FROM THE EXPERTS

- Garnish with fresh cilantro.
- Serve with fresh mango slices, melon slices or pineapple chunks.
- This winning recipe was created by Becky Fuller of Westmont, Illinois, for a national recipe contest.

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## Boys & Girls Clubs celebrates Women's History Month

STONEHAM/WAKEFIELD - In honor of Women's History Month this March, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Stoneham & Wakefield are celebrating by sharing powerful stories of the women of the BGC in its "Women who Inspire" series. The 2022 editorial celebrates women who currently work with youth at the Clubs and serve as an example for them to model in the future. These women energize the community with their compassion towards the young people who attend the clubs and their steadfast support of the Club's mission to do whatever it takes to make a difference in the life of a child.

"There are so many inspiring women who work in our Clubs and serve as positive role models for young people in our communities. These female leaders help create a supportive environment that gives youth the confidence and tools to succeed in the future. It was fitting to share their stories during a month when we celebrate the accomplishments of women," said Megan Samborski, Director of Community Relations at the Boys & Girls Clubs.

The series features Danielle Gentile (Director of the Stoneham Club), Samantha Lewis (Stoneham Teen Center Coordinator), Sarah Burnett (Wakefield Group Leader), Jess Viens (Athletic Director) and Amanda Haley (Director of Curriculum &



Enrichment).

In addition to celebrating adult female staff, the Club has also brought back a popular girl empowerment program just in time for Women's Month. "Girl Talk" is a leadership focused group which provides girls in the Clubs time together where they can express themselves in creative ways. Girl Talk members participate in guided activities and purposeful conversations within a safe space to do fun activities or simply just chat as a group. The program also features guest speakers who share their wisdom on a variety of topics affecting young women and girls. Topics of meetings include everything from the transition into middle school & high school, current events, challenges they face, peer pressure, social norms, breaking barriers, and so much more! The BGC thanks its Club staff for making this program possible and for doing "WhateverIt-Takes to empower young girls."

Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society and is celebrated Tue, Mar 1, 2022 - Thu, Mar 31, 2022. To learn more, visit the BGC "Women Who Inspire" series in the news section at [bgcstoneham.org](http://bgcstoneham.org) or [bgcwakefield.org](http://bgcwakefield.org).



**GIRL TALK MEMBERS** (above) participate in guided activities and purposeful conversations within a safe space to enjoy fun activities or simply just chat in a group. The program, offered at the Boys & Girls Clubs, features guest speakers who share wisdom on a variety of topics affecting young women and girls. (Courtesy photo)



## Soaring fuel prices propel Republican lawmakers' efforts to secure relief for consumers and commuters

BOSTON — Massachusetts Republican lawmakers seeking to support commuters and motorists from record high spikes in fuel prices have proposed several bills that will expand access to and affordability of electric vehicle purchases, establish a 58.5 cent per mile driven refundable credit for certain commuting needs, and place a temporary freeze on the collection of the state's fuels tax.

According to the latest data reported by the AAA, gas and diesel prices rocketed to all-time record highs this month at 47 percent and 50 percent over last year, respectively. The average gallon of gas in Massachusetts is \$4.34 or \$1.60 more than in 2021.

AAA says that fuel over \$4 per gallon, caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, is pushing drivers

towards "a tipping point". Drivers pay 24 cents per gallon at the pump in state tax with Massachusetts

"We cannot stand idle while day after day people are facing the economic pain of paying for fuel to get to work, school, and medical appointments," said Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester). "These bills create powerful tools to assist strained household budgets not only with the cost of fuel, but also with the costs of technology to be freed from dependence on that fuel."

"It is critical we find ways to ensure the economic gains of Massachusetts' residents are not wiped out by the spike in gas prices and the associated increases in the costs of goods and services people rely on every day," said House

Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R-North Reading). "This legislative package not only will provide immediate relief to consumers at the gas pump without jeopardizing the state's bond rating or its transportation funding commitments, but also will offer rebates and tax credits to help further ease the financial burden on the taxpayers of the Commonwealth."

Including all state and federal taxes and fees, Massachusetts drivers pay a total of 44.94 cents per gallon in gasoline taxes, according to the American Petroleum Institute. The Massachusetts Clean Cities Coalition, which promotes the use of domestic fuels and advanced vehicle technologies, reports that retail prices for alternative fuels such as bio-diesel, compressed natu-

ral gas, ethanol and propane are also sharply higher in price with bio-diesel up 47 percent over last year.

The legislators filed a packet of three bills; an Act Providing Tax Relief to Massachusetts Residents, a temporary gas tax halt until Labor Day; an Act To Improve The Access And Affordability Of Electric Vehicles which establishes a program providing rebates to consumers who purchase or lease a plug-in electric vehicle; and an Act Establishing A Commuter Tax Credit which creates a refundable credit for the costs of motoring to schools, work, medical appointments, or on behalf of charitable organizations.

"We are paying more at the pump than ever before. For many families, these skyrocketing prices are debilitating and I

believe that it is our legislative responsibility to provide some relief at the pump by suspending the state gas tax through Labor Day weekend," said Senator Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton) lead sponsor of the bill to temporarily suspend the collection of the state gas tax. "This legislation will be paid through the general fund, where tax revenues are exceeding projected estimates and experiencing record high surpluses. Taxpayers deserve this small step we can take as legislators to protect hardworking families as we experience volatility in gas prices."

The Republican caucus recognizes a need to provide direct and targeted tax relief at a time when the Commonwealth's citizens are experiencing financial pain at the pump and in the cost of goods which are shipped

and would like the Legislature to move quickly on the bills to bring assistance.

"Over the past week we have seen a sharp increase in the price at the gas pump, and with prices currently averaging \$4.35 per gallon and rising, it is crucial that Massachusetts take action," said Senator Patrick O'Connor (R-Weymouth). "The proposals that we put forward will provide immediate, much-needed relief at the pump while also encouraging consumers to transition to electric vehicles. The Commonwealth is in a strong financial position to adopt these policies and I look forward to our debate in the senate."

The lawmakers will invite co-sponsorship of the packet from members of the House and Senate.

## New Wildwood School principal to join after April vacation

ROBOTICS FROM PAGE 1

Drama Club's production of Beauty and the Beast.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand discussed updates on the MSBA process, the Wildwood School, and two leadership searches in addition to presenting the summary of the middle and high school exit survey in his regular report.

He shared that the special Town Meeting brought a passing vote for the feasibility study for the new Wildwood School. He thanked all of the residents who came out to vote. He also said that the next steps will include certifying enrollment sent by the MSBA, documenting the successful vote, and then being invited by the MSBA Board of Directors into the feasibility study.

David Ragsdale acknowledged that not everyone actually made it into the meeting before the vote came up.

Brand announced that a new Wildwood School principal had been selected to join after April school vacation. He also brought the new Wilmington High School principal to the meeting. He mentioned that the new principal had experience as a teacher and an associate principal in Massachusetts and Vir-

ginia.

As for the current Wildwood School, Brand explained that the relocation of students, staff, and administrators had not been simple, and there isn't room at one school alone for everyone. The solution they had come up with would split up the Wildwood staff and students between the high school, Woburn Street, and Shawshen Street schools.

This would also be affecting the students and staff in those schools. The plan would be to have the last day in the Wildwood on the 19th, move things that day and the 20th, and then bring in the new students and staff on the 23rd.

Chair Jenn Bryson appreciated how quickly the plan had been formed and all the work that had gone into it.

Brand's presentation of the results from the middle and high school exit survey brought enrollment trends, survey data, and next steps. He shared information from other districts — in 2019, Reading lost 364 students compared to Wilmington's 396 and Woburn's 229. He also showed how the percentage of Wilmington students at the Shawshen Tech had been steadily in-

creasing for years.

They received 281 responses to the survey, some from families whose children left the district before the high school and some whose students are still in the 8th grade at the middle school. Out of students in the 8th grade, the result for whether they would stay at the high school was almost evenly split between yes, no, and uncertain.

The survey also asked families what their motivating factors were for exploring other options besides the high school. They answered things like enhanced educational opportunities, community feel, technology education and certifications, course options, and experience at the middle school.

Some of the next steps he listed were exploring other opportunities to gather data from Wilmington families and informing students and families in advance about what Wilmington High School has to offer.

Bryson mentioned that the survey might have implied that families should be thinking about other school options from the way that the questions were written. She also wanted to make sure that they asked current middle

school students about their experience.

Melissa Plowman wondered what answers students would give compared to those of their parents.

"I wonder if it's more parents not feeling connected to the culture of the middle school," she said.

The rest of the committee shared the idea that it seems like people have a perception of bad culture at the middle school which needs correcting.

They mentioned the importance of marketing the good things about the high school and giving kids the chance to imagine themselves at the high school before they get there.

Plowman asked if they could develop action points and receive updates regularly about the middle school. She suggested that students may be more interested in the Tech right now because it's trending.

"There's always an appropriateness for kids in-

terested in the technical world to be there," she continued.

Brand also brought up another survey sent out even more recently to parents, students, and staff at the middle school. He assured them that this isn't out of a desire to keep high school students from pursuing other options.

The committee elected to save their discussion on School Choice for their meeting on March 23.

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# Town's voting precincts changed due to federal census

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the problems.

Hull's next memo detailed a conversation involving Poftak, Wilmington's state representative and senator, Chair Lilia Maselli, Selectman Judy O'Connell, and himself. He said the MBTA suggested that the crossing gates sensors are being inhibited by snow and salt on the tracks, which is why the gates may not go down. The MBTA created an expectation that they would appear before the board to give them a fuller understanding.

Town Clerk Beth Lawrenson wrote to the board to notify them that the town's voting precincts had been changed as a

result of the 2020 federal census. This was due to a requirement that no precinct have more than 4,000 residents.

She wrote that out of the 1,094 residents whose precincts were changing, only the polling locations of 203 would change. Hull also said that the town would be sending postcards to the affected households.

Selectman Kevin Caira sent a memo to the board on the status of the new town hall and school administration building. He explained that the new building committee had met recently and saw two options of various office and space designs. They'd be looking to include WCTV and possibly some

extra town employees into the building capacity.

An update also came in from Mark DiGiovanni on the efforts of the Ice Rink & Recreation Committee. DiGiovanni detailed how the group was considering sites like the Whitfield School and Grove Avenue for a new ice skating facility by either public or public/private partnership. They would also be sending around another survey soliciting community feedback and checking in with the owner of Ristuccia to see if his plans had changed.

Secretary of the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security Curtis Woods wrote to the board to say that

the town would be receiving a grant for participating again this year in the Cybersecurity Awareness Program.

The board was invited to the Wilmington Little League's Opening Day parade and ceremonies on April 16 on behalf of WLL President Mike Tentindo.

The board approved the town clerk's request to designate the town website as the official posting location for meeting notices and agenda, noting that people could still use the manual posting at the town hall. They also agreed to sign the 15-year electric vehicle supply license agreement with Reading Municipal Light Department so that RMLD

could install the two charging stations at the town hall and the library.

They approved requests for the town common to be lit up blue in April for Autism Awareness Month, the WOW Club to host an easter egg hunt on April 16, Wilmington High School seniors to have promenade on May 13, and the Sons of Italy to hold their Drive Thru Diaper Donation on April 10 in the municipal parking lot.

In public comments, Wilmington resident Kevin MacDonald commented that he wanted to see Hull's letter to the MBTA request the train to stop at North Wilmington in all routes. He suggested having the police department cover the railroad

crossings at times when the train goes by. He also mentioned his dissatisfaction with the special Town Meeting's registration limitations and the rebuilding of a new school at the Wildwood property.

The Salute to Service that night honored Christopher S. Elliott, who joined the military in the 2000s and was deployed in Afghanistan from 2011-2012. He served in Operation Enduring Freedom and received various medals and overseas service ribbons. He now works in the Wilmington Fire Department and previously worked in the dispatch center.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be on March 28 at 7 p. m.

## School Com. debates class rankings

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still allow high achievers to achieve while keeping students from feeling ostracized or obsessing over where they stand.

Dickerson went on to explain that grades 9-11 don't use class rank at all. They do have end of the year recognitions where they receive an award for being in the top 5, but these are made based only on simple average from all of their time at the high school. She said that they think that updating rank calculations and reporting will decrease harm to students from rank reporting.

In her research, she had found that 40-50 percent of high schools have eliminated class rank all together. She also reported that only 38 percent of colleges consider class rank moderately important. There was also the Youth Risk Behavior Survey data

that said school demands and expectations was the primary source of Wilmington students' negative stress.

The committee asked if Ivy League colleges were part of the group considering class rank moderately important. Dickerson could only estimate that to be the case.

The proposal for rank reporting would be to provide a decile rank to colleges while keeping the top 5 and top 10 recognitions for all grades. They may change to the decile rank with the class of 2023.

Melissa Plowman responded that she could see decile rank hurting students in some case due to its lack of precision.

"If I'm ranked 11th, that's better than being in the second decile," she reasoned.

Dickerson said that it might appear better if a student was in the top 20

percent versus rank 30.

The committee had concerns more with keeping the top 5 recognitions the way that they're currently done. Jay Samaha said that he could see these increasing anxiety and stress, not to mention being confusing because it's based on simple average alone. Bryson also agreed that she couldn't see this being motivating and suggested removing it all together.

Dickerson answered to say that it could be a place where a student in lower-level classes could have the same eligibility for recognition as a student in higher-level classes. To their suggestion, she said that she didn't have enough data yet but could gather more information before they make that kind of decision.

Plowman also asked if reporting less information to colleges would hurt Wilmington students as they're

considered for acceptance. Dickerson replied that she had never seen it be a detriment, but it could be an issue to report class rank when a majority of the class has high grades.

For example, she referenced that 25 percent of the current senior class has a GPA at or above 4.0. They would also look to eliminate any reporting where counselors have to make a judgment about a student's coursework compared to others.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand reminded the committee that these proposals did not require School Committee action or approval. If it were part of the student handbook, they would. The committee still asked Dickerson to come back again about the decile reporting to see how it's working.

## Wilmington students named to honor roll at Malden Catholic

MALDEN — Malden Catholic students have completed the coursework required for the first and second quarter of the 2021 - 2022 school year. The school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: Headmaster's List (90 to 100 in all classes,) First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes) and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes.)

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Patricia Stevens  
Lorianna Luongo  
Abigail Frye  
Adriana Rice

**First Honors**  
Hugh Murphy  
Katelyn Cirame  
Jaelyn Walsh

Kate Flynn  
Keira Rice  
Sarah Cirame

**Second Honors**  
Anthony Anguioni  
Ryan Papineau

### QUARTER TWO

**Headmaster's List**  
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